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WHAT INDIA THINKS OF BRITAIN.

Waiting to Hear Ramsay "With Bated Breath."

"ETERNAL TIES."

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Round Table Conference will end on Monday, when the Prime Minister will make his promised statement on the Government's policy. There was no resumption to-day of last night's private meeting of the delegates, at which a further unsuccessful effort was made to terminate the minority deadlock. The minorities Sub-Committee will have a final meeting to-morrow, after which the conference will conclude the meeting in full committee which began to-day, at which there was a general discussion on the reports of the various Sub-Committees.

During the discussion Lord Sankey pointed out that the Federal Structure Report proceeded on the basic assumption that the constitution would recognise the principle that responsibility for a Federal Government would in future rest upon Indians themselves and that Dominion constitutions afforded a precedent for the proper method of giving effect to this principle. That was the message he would have them take back to India.

Full of Hope.

The Nawab of Bhopal who left for India this afternoon, said that he was full of hopes for the future. He expressed gratification on behalf of his brother Princes that the proposals for a Federation had commanded such a remarkable degree of assent and believed that the rapid progress of the federal idea would be selected by future historians as among its most remarkable characteristics. As to the constitutional position of the subjects of the Indian States, which was solely the domestic concern of each sovereign, the State and Chamber of the Princes had already taken it up. In his own state, the fundamental rights of subjects had already been proclaimed, such as Habeas Corpus, Religious Freedom, Liberty of Person, and security of property and independence of the Judiciary, and his State was no exception. It was of the utmost importance that the question of paramountcy should be settled in consultation with the Viceroy without delay and in a manner satisfactory to the States. He appealed for unity and for a settlement of the communal difference still remaining.

Need of Settlement.

On behalf of the Moslem Delegation a statement was read declaring that, in the absence of Hindu-Moslem settlement, no advance is practicable whether in the provinces or the Central Government without adequate safeguards for Moslems, and that without them no constitution would be acceptable to Moslems.

Colonel Haksar expressed the view that the outline of the constitution they had sketched satisfied all essential criteria. The safeguards provided had been proposed and accepted in the profound and honest belief held by both sides that they were in India's interests, and it was understood that they would disappear as soon as India's development in certain spheres rendered them unnecessary. While Britain recognised India's claim to manage her own affairs the Indian Delegates realised not merely the advantage of the British connection, but also the advantages of certain restrictions, at any rate, for the time being upon the ampie liberty of India. He urged that the bulk of the proposals be gladly and wholeheartedly adopted, so that the necessary atmosphere be created for developments still to come.

Mr. Jadhav said that the Mahatmas and other allied communities in the Bombay Presidency would regard the scheme as a substantial advance and would co-operate.

India in Line.

Sir A. P. Patil expressed agreement with the general features of the report on behalf of the executive committee of the All-India Non-Brahmin Federation, saying that it placed India in line equal to other States in the British Commonwealth. Referring

HACKED TO PIECES BY REBELS.

Horrible Fate of Bengali Station Master.

WIFE'S VAIN APPEAL.

Tharrawaddy, Yesterday.

A band of 50 rebels armed with dabs (long knives carried by the hillmen), swooped down on the Zibugon railway station just before midnight, surrounded the Bengali station master's quarters, and took his cash and jewellery, which his wife vainly offered in an effort to save his life. They then rifled the station safe, cut the telegraphs, destroyed the furniture, and dragged the station master on to the platform, where, in spite of his wife's heart rending appeals, hacked him to pieces. Other members of the staff hid.

The authorities, learning of the ghastly affair, rushed an armoured train to the spot, but there were no signs of the rebels' whereabouts.

Other small bands of rebels continue their marauding campaign. The Government is preparing a final drive, and an armoured train is being used to pilot the night mail train in the disturbed area.—Reuter.

Stated to have been previously detained in the Mental Hospital, a woman, named Tu Fung-lan (36) and stated to be married, jumped from the second floor verandah of 169, Cheung Sha Wan Road, and died on entry to hospital. It is presumed that she had committed suicide in a fit of insanity.

to the difficulty over the minorities, he said that he still believed a solution would eventually be reached, if not now, then in India, and assured the Moslems that the reasonable safeguards they required would be provided, as the Premier had promised, in the rules and in the constitution, together with those required by all other minorities. He and his party would stand to secure the rights and interests of all minorities. No constitution would stand unless that was done.

Messrs. Chintamani, Jayakar, and Jinnah, while expressing appreciation of the work done, differed from the financial safeguards, which they thought went too far. On this point Lord Reading said he thought that these safeguards had been misunderstood. Their whole purpose was to preserve the financial credit and stability of India in the world markets pending the period of change. That applied equally to the safeguards regarding internal loans and there was no intention to interfere with Budget loans, unless arrangements were being made affecting India's credit. He favoured a reserve bank being established as soon as possible.

Immense Force.

The Maharajah of Kashmir said that the Federation of over 300,444,000 people would be an immense force towards the maintenance of world peace and would be conducive to the glory of the British Empire.

Sir Hubert Carr, on behalf of the Non-Official British community in India, while expressing their fullest sympathy with the report and the earnest hope that it would be adopted, said that approval must be subject to their full safeguards would be provided for their civil and criminal rights, their educational privileges, and their industrial and commercial position.

Sir Tej Behadar Sapru said that if they put aside minor differences he believed that on the broad question of principle a very substantial measure of agreement had been reached.

The Maharajah Bikaner said he warmly supported the schemes of Federation which they had evolved and on behalf of his subjects he wished to express their absolute and willing consent to enter into this federation if and as they were confident that the remaining details were settled as satisfactorily as had already been done in regard to the details obtained in their report.—British Wireless Service.

PLOT TO OVERTHROW KEMAL PASHA.

Reactionary Movement in Smyrna.

TRIAL OF 214 PERSONS.

Constantinople, Yesterday.

The authorities state that inquiry has shown that the reactionary movement in Smyrna on December 28 was intended to overthrow the present democratic regime and supersede it by a theocratic one, based on a Sheriat and Khalifate.

A court martial at Menemen has begun the trial of 214 persons, including Sheikh, Derwishes, hodjas, and 16 women, charged with being concerned in the movement. Meanwhile, martial law is being strictly enforced in the Smyrna area.—Reuter.

[A message dated December 28 stated: Hitherto 1,000 arrests have been made at Menemen, Magnesia, Konia, Smyrna, Stamboul and elsewhere, including Sheikh, Derwishes, Imams, a number of women; and a whole battalion of troops whose loyalty was suspected has been interned following the recent revolt at Menemen in which several people were killed, and which purported to establish a "religious regime." The authorities believe that the revolt was not an isolated incident, but the first phase of a vast conspiracy aiming at the overthrow of the Kemalist regime.]

CHADBOURNE PLAN

DUTCH EAST INDIES MAY NOT SUPPORT IT.

PRODUCERS WILLING.

Amsterdam, Yesterday.

Four members of the Dutch Sugar Committee left for Paris to-night to confer with Mr. W. Chadbourne prior to his return to the United States, chiefly in regard to the carrying out of the Brussels agreement.

The Dutch Committee assured the co-operation of the great majority of sugar producers in Java, but not the assistance of the Dutch Indian Government. If the latter eventually refuse to introduce the measures necessary to enforce the restriction of sugar production and export from Java, producers in Java will be unable to join in the execution of the Chadbourne restriction plan.—Reuter.

ARGENTINE VISIT.

PRINCE CHATS OVER RADIO TELEPHONE.

LEAVES TO-DAY.

Rugby, Yesterday.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who leaves to-morrow for Paris on the first stage of his journey to South America, spoke to Buenos Aires by wireless telephone from London this afternoon. The Prince spoke from his study in York House to Sir Herbert Gibson, Chairman of the Committee of the British Trade Exhibition, which the Prince is to open in March. The conversation, which lasted seven minutes, was completely successful, reception being perfect.

The Prince said that he was looking forward to renewing the friendships made in 1925, and asked about the preparations for the Exhibition. He asked Sir Herbert Gibson to express his great appreciation to the Argentine authorities for giving the site at Palermo. The call was over the Post Office short wave system via Rugby and Haldock Stations.—British Wireless Service.

LABOUR CAMPAIGN.

SENATE URGED TO MODIFY PROHIBITION.

"DAMP" ENTHUSIASTS.

New York, Yesterday.

A message from Miami states that Mr. William Green, President of the American Federation of Labour, stated that the Executive Council of the Federation had approved of a Labour campaign for the modification of prohibition.—Reuter's American Service.

SCHNEIDER TROPHY GOING TO ITALY?

Government Declines to Support Race.

EXPENSE TOO GREAT.

London, Yesterday.

The Government has finally decided not to participate in any manner in the 1931 Schneider Trophy race. Thus the trophy's defence, estimated to cost £80,000, will devolve on the Royal Aero Club, or a private enterprise, and as it unlikely that the sum will be raised the trophy, in accordance with the rules, will be handed to Italy, from whom Britain won it in 1927. France and Italy will be the sole competitors. The trophy would become Britain's permanently if she were victorious in 1931, as she has already won it in two successive contests.—Reuter.

FINE WEATHER.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: A belt of high pressure extends from S.W. China to the East of Japan.

Fresh monsoon prevails along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

Forecast:—N. E. winds, fresh; fine.

Rainfall.

Rainfall to 10 a.m. to-day nil. Rainfall since January 1, 0.11 inch against an average of 0.45.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 7 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	56
Macao	52
Pratas Island	67
Manila	78
Foochow	44
Amoy	48
Swatow	—
Chefoo	30
Shanghai	31

COFFINS MYSTERY CLEARED UP.

Jettisoned by Crew of Hong Kong Steamer.

"FEAR OF HOODOO."

Sydney, Yesterday.

The mystery of the floating coffins has been cleared up by the explanation that the native crew of the Hong Kong steamer Cabarita jettisoned the empty coffins, fearing a "hoodoo" after a serious of accidents aboard.—Reuter.

[Several Chinese coffins were washed up near Sydney on Wednesday. Local Chinese were speculating on their significance. One coffin's inscription, translated, shows the figures "87, 87, and the words "Tung Wah Hospital, Hong Kong."]

FORMOSAN RISING.

GOVERNOR GENERAL RESIGNS HIS POST.

RESPONSIBILITY TAKEN.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

Mr. Elzo Ishizuka, Governor-General of Formosa, has resigned, holding himself responsible for the recent uprising of aborigines. Mr. Masahiro Ota, Governor of Kwantung, will succeed him and Mr. Seiji Tanakamoto will succeed Mr. Ota.

Several other high officials in the Formosan administration have also tendered their resignations.—Reuter.

The alleged embezzlement of \$2,050 from Ping On Boarding House has been reported by Hong Kam-chuen, the manager. He states that his assistant cashier failed to return to work on Wednesday morning, and when the safe, to which the missing man possessed the key, was broken open it was found that \$2,050 had been stolen. The Police have taken the matter in hand.

COINS IN COAL BUNKERS.

Unusual Contraband on S.S. Kwaisang.

AN EXCHANGE RAMP?

The present uncertain rate of local exchanges, both here and in Canton, was responsible for a seizure of "contraband" of a rather unusual nature aboard the Indo-China S.N. Co.'s Kwaisang yesterday.

The seizure, it is understood, consisted of 57 bags of one-cent copper coins, which were discovered after a search in the coal bunkers. The ship was proceeding from Shanghai to Hong Kong at the time, and the presumption is that the coins were intended for Canton, where they could be manipulated in such a manner as to give the owners as high a profit as 80 cents to the dollar.

The search was made "on information received," but it is not certain that the whole of the "consignment" of coins has been found, as it was stated that there were 200 bags on board.

Up to the present, no arrests have been made, nor has any clue to the identity of the owners been discovered.

CHINESE FAGIN.

ACCUSED "NOT A PROMISING PUPIL."

PICKPOCKET JAILED.

Fok Tung and Tsui Wah, two unemployed Chinese, appeared before Mr. Butters at the Kowloon Magistrate's this morning, charged with loitering with felonious intent at the junction of Tai Nam and Pei Ho Street yesterday.

It was deposed by a Chinese detective that while on duty at the junction he saw the two accused hanging around the outskirts of a crowd that had collected to watch a Chinese juggling entertainment. The first defendant was seen by the detective to feel the pocket of three people. The second defendant was keeping watch and on noticing the detective he signalled to the first man to stop. The detective then arrested the two men and took them to the Police Station.

Both defendants claimed to be acting as watchmen for a third man. One man whose pocket was felt said he had suffered no loss and refused to go to the Police Station. "Merely Watching."

First defendant, making a statement in Court this morning, said he was merely watching the show when the detective thumped him on the chest and accused him of the offence. The second man said he noticed the first man attempting to pick a pocket, and wished to turn informer. He afterward said that the first defendant had tried to teach him to pick pockets, but as he had little interest in the proceeding he was not a very promising pupil. He also said that he was too frightened to learn much.

His Worship imposed a sentence of ten weeks' imprisonment on both men.

THIEVES HUNGRY.

EAT GOOD MEAL AND DRINK BRANDY.

PREMISES RANSACKED.

More particulars concerning the armed robbery at 62A Bonham Road, second floor, are available to-day.

In his report to the Police, Leung Kwok-chiu (16) a student, states that on Wednesday, a man, who was formerly employed in the house, came to visit him. After staying for a certain time, he went away, and then, at about 7.30 o'clock that night, he returned with three others, who were armed with toy pistols and daggers. Leung, his sisters, brothers, and servants, were then bound and gagged.

The robbers became audacious, for they sat down at table to a hearty meal, and it is said, drank brandy. They ransacked the premises, and stole money and jewellery to the total value of about \$400. They did not leave immediately, but stayed for the night. What happened is, of course, not known, but anyway, the thieves ring and left at seven o'clock!

END OF SOUTH WALES COAL DISPUTE.

Miners Resume Work on November Rates.

PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT.

London, Yesterday.

A provisional agreement for the settlement of the South Wales coal dispute provides for a resumption of work on the rates of pay ruling in November, 1930, the hours of work for underground workers to be 7 1/2 daily each week-day. The owners have accepted the terms, which are subject to ratification by the miners' delegate conference at Cardiff on Saturday.

Later.

It is officially announced that the South Wales coal dispute has been settled.—Reuter.

Double Concessions.

London, Later.

The South Wales coal settlement shows concessions on both sides. The miners have agreed to the owners' insistence that wages disputes should be referred if necessary to an independent chairman of a joint conciliation board, and the owners have agreed to the miners' demand for an extension of the period during which a 7 1/2 hour day will be paid at the same rate as was an eight hour day.

The miners conferred together long after the Ministers and owners had departed. There are misgivings because the miners were unable to decide whether to recommend or merely submit the terms of agreement to tomorrow's conference at Cardiff. One clause is particularly welcomed as it secures three years' peace in the coalfields, namely, any agreement reached must run till January, 1934.—Reuter.

Earlier News.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Negotiations for a settlement of the coal mining dispute in South Wales were continued at the Board of Trade yesterday, and although an agreement was not reached, the issues were so narrowed down that a settlement is anticipated this morning, when the miners' and mineowners' representatives will once more attend at the Board of Trade.—British Wireless Service.

AMAH ROBBED.

STIFF SENTENCE FOR AN ASSAILANT.

A COWARDLY ATTACK.

The rough treatment that Lau Tuen, an amah employed by Mr. L. N. Murphy, acting manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, resident at 356 The Peak, received at the hands of three men on the Peak Road, was described by Detective-Sergeant Flattery at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Wong Cheung (28) unemployed, was charged with the larceny of a pair of earrings. Defendant pleaded Guilty.

A Woman Attack.

Detective-Sergeant Flattery said that the case was almost one of highway robbery. The facts were that the complainant was granted leave by her employer every Sunday afternoon. On January 11 she walked down Peak Road to visit a friend. When she got near to house No. 22, she noticed three men, sitting on the road side. Taking no heed of them, the complainant proceeded. She had not gone far, when one of the men came up from behind, and slapped her on both cheeks, at the same time wrenching off her earrings, and making her ear bleed. The other two then joined in, and complainant called out for help. They pushed her to the ground, and when she got up, she was again knocked down. The robbers then ran away, and that was the last she saw of them.

Ex-Ship's "Boy."

On information received by a detective, the defendant was arrested. He had come down from the country not long ago, and was living at 1, Possession Street. Defendant was formerly a "boy" employed on the s.s. Charles Hardouin. The earrings, which were valued at \$20, were pawned by an old woman at the Tai Sang Pawnshop, for \$15, the same afternoon. He asked His Worship to take a serious

SOURCE OF THE DRUG PERIL TRACED.

Turkey Flooding East with Narcotics.

COMPLAINT BY CHINA.

Cairo, Yesterday.

The annual report of Russell Pasha, Chief of the narcotics section of the Police Administration, states that while the control of European drug factories has been considerably tightened up and the direct import of "white" drugs to Egypt from Europe greatly diminished, enormous quantities of heroin, cocaine, and hashish are still being sent out from Constantinople, which could be proved to be the source of the greater part of illicit narcotics flooding the East and America.

The report points out that while the world's legitimate requirements of heroin for the year were estimated at two tons, the Turkish Government exported during six months four tons of heroin and two tons of morphine.

China's Protest.

Geneva, Yesterday.

Mr. Woo Kai-seng (China) in a letter to the Secretary General of the League, protesting against certain strictures on the Chinese Government contained in the report of the League's commission of enquiry into opium smoking in the Far East, declared that his Government were combating the social evil of opium and narcotics in China and requested that his protest be brought to the knowledge of the rapporteur of the League Council.

New Opium Head.

Geneva, Yesterday.

It is "announced" that M. Ekstrand, the Swedish Minister at Buenos Aires, who presided over the League Commission on opium traffic in the Far East, has been selected to succeed Dame Rachel Crowley as head of the opium section of the League.—Reuter.

Big U.S. Seizures.

New York, Yesterday.

As a result of Federal investigation after seizures of morphine aboard liners, the existence has been discovered of an international drug ring, headed by two Parisians, who are alleged to have smuggled morphine valued at \$4,000,000 into the United States during the past year. One of the seizures is described as the largest ever made in America, and consisted of 1,000 lb. of drugs valued at \$200,000, shipped from Turkey and concealed in furs.—Reuter's American Service.

JAIL FOR PICKPOCKET.

Ng Sik, an alleged pickpocket, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, and two years' Police surveillance, by Mr. Butters at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day.

Accused was seen by a constable, to extract \$1 from the pocket of Tsui Yee, married woman, in Hunghom market yesterday.

Accused admitted six previous convictions.

CASE FOR ALARM.

Calmly walking into the premises of the Britannia Aerated Water Factory in Waterloo Road yesterday, about mid-day, So Shu-chun, a Chinese, lifted an alarm clock from a shelf and walked away. He was, however, caught by a foki and on appearing at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning was sentenced to two months' imprisonment, having only recently been released from jail.

view of the case, and inflict the full penalty.

His Worship queried as to why the case was not a committal one. Sergeant Flattery replied that the defendant had not been identified properly.

The Magistrate—His plea then, would not be enough for a committal.

Sergeant Flattery—Yes. Sentence of twelve months' hard labour and 24 strokes of the birch was passed.

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QUOTA FOR THE TIN
TRADE.Reducing Stocks to
Normalcy.

WORLD AGREEMENT.

London, Dec. 26.

Plans for an international quota agreement for tin, embracing 90 per cent. of the world's output, have been set forth in a circular letter to the members of the Tin Producers Association from Sir William Peat, the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Association.

This agreement, which is now being finally considered by the Governments concerned and is subject to their assent, provides, firstly, that international quotas shall be retrospective from January 1, 1931, so that any tin, or tin ore, exported after December 31 will be brought within the allotted quotas for the first quarter of 1931.

Secondly, it is stipulated that the agreement shall continue in force for two years. Thirdly, the quotas—but not the ratio of quotas—will be varied periodically as conditions require, the purpose of the agreement being the correlation of supply and demand and the reduction of the present accumulated stocks to normal proportions.

Fourthly, the "ratios" are based upon the agreed production in 1929. For example, the Malayan ratio will represent the proportion of the world's production exported by Malaya in 1929, namely 37.14 per cent.

Similarly, the ratios of Bolivia, the Dutch East Indies, and Nigeria will aggregate 49.6 per cent. The "quotas," which represent the maximum tonnages exportable from January 1, 1931, are determined in each case by applying the "ratios" to the aggregate amount of tin to which, under the agreement, it may be decided to limit the exports.

Fifthly, the agreement provides that an advisory committee, representing the producers, and Governments concerned, shall be appointed to assist in connection with matters arising from the preceding clause.

Export Licences.

The Financial Times understands that the Governments of the Dutch East Indies, Bolivia and Nigeria have already signified their assent of the tin quota agreement, while the assent of the Malay States and other Governments concerned is considered assured.

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THE GOLD CRISIS.

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EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

London, Yesterday.

French Treasury representatives are visiting London to continue the exchange of financial views with British Treasury officials.—Reuter.

[The Finance Minister, M. Martin, in an interview, defended France's monetary policy and declares that the Government is taking steps to limit the influx of gold. He declares that "tomorrow, in order that the Government's desire not to adopt a financial policy with dominantly egotistical ends may be even plainer, we may hope that with the collaboration of the Bank of France a notable improvement will be effected in the monetary settlement between the London and Paris markets."]

TRADE OF FRANCE.

ADVERSE BALANCE IN SPITE OF
LESS IMPORTS.

The business year since France again beset with an adverse trade balance, in spite of a year of general prosperity. Although France bought nearly five billion francs worth less of foreign goods during 1930, her trade balance is still negative by 9,432,897,000 francs.

Financiers consider it one of the freaks of modern economies that France, with a constantly unfavourable trade balance, has been able, during the past 18 months, to accumulate the second largest gold reserve in the world, passing \$500,000,000.

The official trade figures, of the Ministry of Commerce for the first 10 months of 1930 show total exports of 78,299,997,000 francs compared with 33,963,376,000 francs for the same period 1929; imports of 88,862,704,000 francs in 1930 compared with 42,599,092,000 in 1929.

France's total trade, including metropolitan exports and imports and commerce with her colonies, totalled 79,826,353,000 francs a drop of a billion francs a month in total trade during 1930.

The United States continues to enjoy a favourable balance in her trade with France, selling goods worth 4,970,856,000 francs to France while buying in France for 2,070,239,000 francs.

Britain Profitable Client.

Argentina, Brazil, Chili, Japan, China, Germany, Spain, Sweden and Soviet Russia all have favourable balance with France, but France sells more goods to than she buys from Great Britain, Canada, Greece, Italy, Poland, Belgium, Portugal, Switzerland and Turkey.

Germany has captured the greatest part of the French market, now furnishing her with more goods than the United States, which still ranks second, or Great Britain, third. Britain is France's best customer, with Belgium second and Germany third, while the United States is fifth behind Switzerland.

The advantage of being a colonial power is shown by the sale of 7,232,217,000 francs worth of goods to French colonies. This market has been largely developed in the past 10 years, but part of it was taken from Germany, Britain and the United States.—United Press.

per cent. of the world's output, which are not covered by the scheme. Burma and Siam are the most important, but as the tin ore from these two States goes almost wholly to the Straits Settlements for refining it may come indirectly under control by means of export licences.

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" Corned	咸肉	lb.	—	23	12	Capons, Large	雞	lb.	58	28	30
" Roast	肉	lb.	30	24	22	Duck	鴨	each	38	22	21
" Breast	肉	lb.	23	20	18	Doves	鳩	each	35	22	21
" Soup	肉	lb.	25	20	18	Eggs, Hen (cooking)	蛋	per doz.	35	18	—
" Steak	肉	lb.	30	24	22	Eggs, Hen (fresh)	蛋	each	38	25	20
" Steak Sirloin	肉	lb.	44	30	35	Fowls, Canton	雞	lb.	64	38	24
" Sausages	肉	lb.	38	26	20	Fowls, Hainan	雞	lb.	60	35	24
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	per set	15	10	12	Geese	鴨	each	42	24	24
" Tongue, fresh	牛舌	each	65	50	60	Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	40	20	—
" Tongue, corned	牛舌	each	60	—	—	" Hoilow	鴿	each	23	28	—
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" Hump, Salt	牛腰	lb.	—	20	18	Snipe	鴨	each	25	—	—
" Feet	牛蹄	each	10	10	12	Pheasant	鴨	pair	2.40	—	—
" Kidneys	牛腰	each	15	10	12	Quail	鴨	each	25	—	—
" Tail	牛尾	lb.	25	20	22	Partridges	鴨	each	30	—	—
" Liver	牛肝	lb.	24	18	14						
" Tripe	牛肚	lb.	10	6	7						
Calves' Head & Feet	牛頭	set	\$1.20	\$1.00	\$1.00						
Mutton Chop	羊排	lb.	38	26	—						
" Leg	羊腿	lb.	38	26	—						
" Shoulder	羊肩	lb.	34	24	—						
" Saddle	羊鞍	lb.	38	—	—						
Pig's Chittlings	豬蹄	Per set	3	—	—						
" Brains	豬腦	lb.	15	15	—						
" Feet	豬蹄	lb.	28	15	18						
" Fry	豬油	lb.	18	20	—						
" Head	豬頭	each	15	10	10						
" Heart	豬心	each	13	10	3						
" Kidneys	豬腰	lb.	48	30	24						
" Liver	豬肝	lb.	38	26	23						
Pork Chop	豬排	lb.	36	25	23						
" Leg	豬腿	lb.	36	—	—						
" Loin	豬腰	lb.	42	30	70						
" Fat or Lard	豬油	lb.	23	21	—						
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭	set	90	60	70						
" Heart	羊心	each	12	8	7						
" Kidneys	羊腰	lb.	15	12	10						
" Liver	羊肝	lb.	45	26	25						
Sucking Pigs, to order	乳豬	lb.	25	25	22						
Suet, Beef	牛油	lb.	80	20	18						
" Mutton	羊油	lb.	38	26	26						
Veal	牛仔	lb.	22	20	20						
" Sausages	牛腸	lb.	28	—	—						
" No. 1	牛腸	lb.	32	—	—						
Fish.											
Barbel	鮠魚	lb.	42	16	24						
Bream	鯉魚	lb.	24	20	16						
Canton Fresh Water Fish	淡水魚	lb.	24	—	—						
Carp	鯉魚	lb.	25	13	16						
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Dab	魚	lb.	35	16	27						
Dace	魚	lb.	36	23	13						
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" Yellow	魚	lb.	52	26	30						
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Garoupa	魚	lb.	21	40	30						
Gudgeon	魚	lb.	22	22	18						
Herrings	魚	lb.	25	13	23						
Halibut	魚	lb.	24	18	15						
Labrus	魚	lb.	52	32	13						
Loach	魚	lb.	48	82	24						
Lobsters	魚	lb.	25	32	21						
Mackerel	魚	lb.	30	20	20						
Moon Fish	魚	lb.	30	13	2						
Mullet	魚	lb.	27	12	2						
Oysters	魚	lb.	20	14	9						
Parrot Fish	魚	lb.	26	80	15						
Perch	魚	lb.	27	16	9						
Pike	魚	lb.	30	36	29						
Plinck	魚	lb.	42	36	30						
Pomfret, White	魚	lb.	35	36	45						
Pomfret, Black	魚	lb.	48	10	14						
Prawns	魚	lb.	16	10	14						
Ray	魚	lb.	21	13	18						
Rock Fish	魚	lb.	26	12	10						
Roach	魚	lb.	47	86	30						
Salmon	魚	lb.	16	8	10						
Shark	魚	lb.	16	10	10						
Skate	魚	lb.	38	82	80						
Shrimps	魚	lb.	33	28	28						
Snapper	魚	lb.	23	22	28						
Soles	魚	lb.	27	26	85						
Tench	魚	lb.	26	13	12						
Turbot	魚	lb.	1.00	40	—						
Turtles, small, fr. water	魚	lb.	1.00	40	—						
Poultry.											
Almonds	杏仁	lb.	85	35	—						
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	lb.	22	24	—						
Bananas (bride's)	蕉山香蕉	lb.	6	4	—						
Carambola	楊桃	lb.	—	12	—						
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	13	10	10						
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	10	25	30						
Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each	12	8	—						
Lichées, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	50	25	30						
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	lb.	12	—	—						
Oranges	橙	lb.	18	—	15						
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	lb.	18	—	—						
Peanuts	花生	lb.	15	10	12						
PerSIMMONS, Large	紅柿	lb.	—	12	—						
Plantain	大蕉	each	4	12	6						
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	lb.	18	—	16						
Walnuts	胡桃	lb.	60	—	—						
Grapes	菩提子	lb.	—	—	—						
Fruits.											
Artichokes	菊芋	each	10	—	2						
Beans, Sprout	豆苗	lb.	5	—	7						
" Long	豆苗	lb.	—	8	—						
Beet Root	甜菜根	lb.	10	—	—						
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	lb.	8	24	—						
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	lb.	8	5	3						
" Red	紅瓜	lb.	8	5	3						
Cabbage, Chinese	紅頭菜	lb.	8	—	—						
(Shanghai)	上海菜	lb.	15	12	—						
Cane Shoots, bunch	竹筴	lb.	8	—	—						
Cauliflower (Large)	大花椰菜	each	13	—	—						
(Medium)	中花椰菜	each	13	—	—						
(Small)	小花椰菜	each	10	6	6						
Carrots	金邊菜	lb.	8	5	6						
Celery, Chinese	美極菜	lb.	10	10	6						
Chillies, Dried	紅頭菜	lb.	14	25	5						
" Red	紅頭菜	lb.	18	10	10						
" Green	綠頭菜	lb.	8	8	12						
Curry Stuff, English	印度香料	lb.	10	8	—						
Cucumbers	菜瓜	lb.	8	2	—						
Garlic	蒜頭	lb.	8	6	6						
Ginger, Young	薑	lb.	18	7	—						
" Old	老薑	lb.	10	10	—						
Horsedradish, Shanghai	上海辣根	lb.	35	8	4						
Indian Corn	粟米	lb.	8	45	—						
Lettuce	生菜	lb.	6	1	—						
Water Chestnuts	荸薺	lb.	6	—	8						
" Mandarin	桂花荸薺	lb.	3	—	8						
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮草	lb.	—	—	8						
Okroes	鮮草	lb.	1	10	10						
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥	lb.	8	8	8						
" Green	洋蔥	lb.	8	4	6						
" Shanghai	上海蔥	lb.	7	6	—						
Parsley	片葉	lb.	25	60	8						
Potato, Sweet	番薯	lb.	4	8	—						
" Japanese	日本薯仔	lb.	4	8	—						
" American	金山薯仔	lb.	7	3	—						
Pumpkin	冬瓜	lb.	5	4	4						
Radish	紅頭菜	lb.	5	—	—						
Rhubarb (Fresh)	紅頭菜	lb.	15	—	10						
Shallots	小蔥	lb.	8	—	8						
Spinach	大蔥	lb.	6	8	—						
Tomatoes	蕃茄	lb.	12	4	—						
Taros	芋頭	lb.	6	7	—						
Turnips, Puntl (Long)	蘿蔔	lb.	8	6	—						
Vegetable Marrow	西洋菜	lb.	—	4	—						
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Sunrise and Sunset in Colony.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for January 1931, (Standard time of the 12th Meridian, East of Greenwich) are as follow:—

Jan.	Sunrise	Sunset.
16	7.08	6.00
17	7.06	6.01
18	7.05	6.02
19	7.05	6.02
20	7.05	6.03
21	7.05	6.04
22	7.05	6.04
23	7.05	6.05
24	7.05	6.06
25	7.05	6.06
26	7.04	6.07
27	7.04	6.08
28	7.04	6.09
29	7.04	6.10
30	7.03	6.10
31	7.03	6.11

EVEREST SUMMIT REACHED?

Expert Propound a New Theory.

WHAT MR. O'DELL SAW.

Was the summit of Everest ever reached?

This question has once more been raised in view of the plans now on foot for the climbing of Mount Kamet, in the Himalayas. A party, led by Mr. Frank Smythe, who accompanied the Khanchin-janga expedition last year, will leave London early this year for this purpose; and it is claimed that, if the climbers are successful, Mount Kamet which is 25,431 feet high, will be the highest peak ever scaled.

Dr. Raymond Greene, a former President of the Oxford Mountaineering Club, who is to act as medical officer to the expedition, discussed with me a theory which, if accepted, would dispose of the claim that Irvine and Mallory reached the summit of Everest before meeting their deaths.

O'Dell's Narrative.

"The question whether Everest was conquered," he told a special representative of the London Morning Post, depends on information supplied by O'Dell, who was in support, when Mallory and Irvine made the final attempt. He reports that he saw them at 12.50 p.m. 800 feet below the summit.

"He saw them for a few seconds moving very fast across a snow slope. According to plan, they should have been passing this place at least four hours earlier, and the cause of their delay is unknown. Those who believe that the summit was reached argue that the technical difficulties of the ascent had by this time been surmounted, and that therefore the possibility of a fall before reaching the summit does not arise.

"On the other hand, it is argued that a mountaineer of Mallory's experience, finding himself four hours behind schedule, and knowing that to be benighted meant certain death, would not have passed on to the summit. But would have turned back.

"A suggestion, however, has been made by an expert authority that O'Dell was mistaken, and that he never saw the climbers. If they were already four hours late, it seems improbable that they could have been moving fast. Moreover, if we attempt to visualise the appearance of two climbers at four miles distance, it must be obvious that they could not appear to be moving fast."

The New Theory.

Dr. Greene then outlined the theory which brings new light to bear on the controversy. "Obviously, something must have been seen to move on the mountain-side, and the suggestion has been put forward that O'Dell saw not climbers, but two birds, Himalayan choughs, not on the final step in the ascent, but flying in mid-air, and outlined against the mountain-side. Their nearness to O'Dell would account for their appearance of speed."

It is agreed, however, that this theory works both ways. "It is the habit of these birds," Dr. Greene said, "to follow human beings, and they had, indeed, been seen in the camp below. It is conceivable, therefore, that these two birds were following Mallory and Irvine and that the climbers were not four hours late, but had really reached the summit."

"I lay no claim to be an expert on Himalayan climbing, of which so far I have had no experience, but this view is held by some experts."

The Mount Kamet party will probably be limited to four or five persons, but such are the difficulties of Himalayan transport that anything from 60 to 100 coolies will be needed. The details of time and organisation have not yet been settled, but it is possible that a film record of the expedition will be made.

The experience gained in the Khanchin-janga venture, in which Mr. Frank Smythe took part, will be of great value, and it is expected that, as on that occasion, climbers will custom their lungs to the rarefied atmosphere, instead of carrying a cumbersome supply of oxygen.

"BRITISH EMPIRE IS DROWSY."

Warning of Canadian Minister.

"ALL IS NOT WELL."

We of the Imperial Conference have not, I think, wasted our time. We have exchanged views; we have increased our knowledge of the problems confronting the other partners in the Empire, and although complete agreement on all points has, of course, been impossible, we have achieved a distinct measure of success on many matters of mutual concern, writes the Hon. H. H. Stevens, Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce.

So far as Canada is concerned, the two most vital concerns from the British point of view can only be thought of in terms of years. I refer to industrial expansion and settlement neither of which lends itself to snap resolution or quack exploitation.

Of migration I am not entitled to speak. It is in capable hands both here and overseas, and I am convinced that as wise policies are developed we shall see the continued realisation of the ideal of a Canada supporting profitably an increasing population of British stock.

Work must await the settler, and to provide that work trade must be developed and latent resources commercialised. There is, therefore, more in this plea for increased trade within the Empire than meets the eye.

If Great Britain is desirous of enabling her pioneers to go out to the Dominions it is not enough to criticise migration machinery and personnel, or to ship people at random from her shores. She must look to her trade and to her markets overseas.

Lost Opportunities.

United States investments in Canada exceed those of Great Britain in the proportion of nearly two to one, while in the last fiscal year the value of the imports into the Dominion from the south was more than three times that from the Old Country. I would like my fellow Britons to ponder that in all its implications, and I trust no one will accuse me of bolstering up the bogey of secession if I point out that there are 1,500 American branch factories in Canada compared with a comparative handful of British.

By the vigour of their enterprise Canadians now export to the world at large goods to the value of £275,000,000 every year, and for their needs they import commodities amounting to a sum only slightly less.

But what part does the Empire in general and the Old Country in particular play in these developments?

Last year the Dominion exported to Great Britain goods to the value of \$65,000,000, and bought in return a total of something like \$40,000,000, but the respective figures for the United States were \$100,000,000 and \$180,000,000. These statistics point to the fact that Great Britain has lost time, and has been allowing opportunities to run through her fingers like sand.

Not Too Late.

However, it is not too late to make amends, Canada is still growing. Cities are springing up in the prairies and the mining areas. But I confess to a feeling of uneasiness when I search for evidence of a determination on the part of Imperialists to make up for lost time.

The Empire is not dead but drowsy—but then drowsiness can be very heavy if one is soothed by the complacent thought that all is well, and that we shall muddle through in the future as we have muddled through in the past.

All is not well. Quite apart from fiscal considerations here are enormous fields of enterprise which we in the Empire have not yet taken the trouble to exploit.

Canada wishes to advance hand-in-hand with the Old Country, and the co-partnership will certainly not be to the disadvantage of Britain. But in neglecting the vast industrial possibilities of the Empire as a whole we are jeopardising the free movement of those people of British stock on whose shoulders the responsibilities for a prosperous, Imperial community of nations alone can rest.

Overland China Mail.

A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

News of the first piracy in the present year reached the Colony during the week, when a radio message told of the seizing and looting of the Chinese-owned Hsin Ming, which it is thought was en route from Shanghai to Foochow. Three passengers and a comprador's assistant were also kidnapped, the pirates leaving the ship at Honghai Bay. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL gives details of the affair.

Two men charged with conspiracy to commit arson in Wing Lok Street in October last were sentenced to three years' and two years' hard labour, respectively, at the Assizes, after a protracted trial. A third man was discharged. Full reports are contained in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

What both Judge and prosecuting counsel termed a very gross libel on the honour of a young Chinese lady teacher resulted in judgment for \$1,000 and costs being given against a Chinese newspaper published in Hong Kong. In giving judgment, His Lordship made scathing comment upon the behaviour of the defendants in the case. The case is fully reported in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Seven years' hard labour was the sentence passed upon a convict who stabbed a British warder in Victoria Jail in October last. Prisoner in his defence, alleged that he was driven to the act because of ill-treatment by prison officials, and other reasons, but the Chief Justice held that, even in the event of these statements being true, they were no mitigation of the crime. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL gives a complete account of the hearing.

An interesting address, reported in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL, was given during the week before the local Rotary Club by the Hon. Foo Ping-sheung, the subject being "The Civil Code in China."

Local sport, as usual, is capably dealt with by the paper's staff of experts.

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ELEPHANT AMOK.

INDIAN CARTMAN'S TERRIBLE FATE NEAR MADRAS.

Madras, Oct. 29.

When a cartman in charge of two bullocks was driving his pony-cart at the head of a train of carts on the Ellore-Sanjarapur Road, an elephant owned by a zemindar of Ellore, with its mahout, approached from the opposite direction.

The cartman thought that his bullocks might take fright so he got down from his cart and went in front to lead them.

As the train of carts came near, the elephant suddenly seized the cartman in its trunk and crushed and trampled him before the mahout could take action.

WHERE BRITAIN LEADS.

Heads List of Countries Exporting Aircraft.

During the last few weeks British aircraft firms have received orders worth several hundreds of thousands of pounds, one firm

alone participating to the extent of \$70,000.

Britain, it is believed, now heads the list of countries exporting aircraft, the majority being flying boats and light planes, while British engines are both exported and made under licence in other countries.

One home order nearing completion is a fleet of eight 40-seater liners for the Imperial Airways' Indian service.

The wing span of these giants is 140 feet.

TRIBESMEN PUNISHED.

Over 200 hostile tribesmen in Morocco were killed by bombs and machine-gun fire from French aeroplanes according to an official statement dealing with the events following the attack on Christmas Day by insurgents on the loyal tribes which were robbed of several hundred camels. The battle lasted two days but the French losses were but slight, totalling only four dead and six wounded.—Trans-Ocean-Kuorin.

A Chinese was killed and eight houses owned by Chinese merchants were burned in Inseln District, Burma, during the recent disturbance created by the Burmese rebels, states a telegram received by the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs from Rangoon. The Chinese Consul in Rangoon has lodged a protest with the British authorities of Inseln District against the killing of Chinese and demanded compensation for the damage done, says the telegram.

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KITANO MARU	Thursday	19th February.
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YAMAGATA MARU	Friday	30th January.
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STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS

The B.I. s.s. Talamba will leave Amoy for this port on January 17, p.m., and is due here on January 18, p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Yokohama on January 14 (Wed.) at 2 p.m., left Yokohama on January 15 (Thurs.) at 3 p.m., and is due at Vancouver on January 24 (Sat.). She leaves Vancouver on January 31 (Sat.).

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—

Berwick—North arm.
Cornflower—In dock
Herald—South wall.
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.
Iroquois—North wall.
Marazion—East wall.
Medway—West wall.
Oswald—In dock.
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RANKS AND RATINGS

WHEN THE NAVY LEAVES HOME.

Everyone who has read "Naval Occasions," the famous volume of stories of the lighter side of naval life during the Great War, will be familiar with the pen-name "Bartimeus." "Naval Occasions" proved its immense popularity by the sale of upwards of one million copies. The following is the first of several articles on the Navy of the present day which "Bartimeus" has written for the Morning Post.

The rear file of the draft disappeared through the dockyard gates: the music of the band grew fainter. A battleship's crew had marched out of barracks to commission what was to be their home for the next two and a half years.

The Drafting Commander stood at the window of his office as the misty shore-houses and sail-lofts of the Yard lunged back the dwindling echoes. "A sailor's wife a sailor's star shall be..."

A thousand men marching off to an unknown destiny, with their bags and hammocks, their ditty boxes and their gas masks, technically at his bidding. He had said "Go," and they went.

Actually a Writer had sat in the adjoining room with a drawer of cards at his elbow. Each card bore a man's name: they were arranged in the sequence in which the bearers of those names had returned from foreign service. It was called the Longest-at-home Roster.

Working from the top down the Writer transcribed the names into a book. The book went to the Drafting Master-at-Arms, who in his turn transferred the names to a notice-board in the drill shed. The ratings concerned were "warned for draft." If any man thought he had been chosen out of his turn he saw the Drafting Commander, and his case was investigated.

Some had been home from abroad nearly a year, some six months, some less. It depended on the numbers available in their branch and what was called the Manning Situation. A lot had ailing wives, some were widowers with children. Scores had said goodbye to their last time to the person dearest to them on earth. By the law of averages, in the mere nature of things, several would never come back.

All these things flitted through the mind of the Drafting Commander as he stood by the window. Five minutes earlier he had stood beside the Commodore while he addressed the blue-clad ranks in a little speech of farewell. He had scanned the rows of faces wondering what was in their minds.

Here and there he saw the face of a request man he remembered having interviewed. One was a man who had volunteered for the station. He was a widower with five small children. He had heard that marble was cheap out there—he had jerked his head vaguely in the direction in which he supposed Italy to lie—and he wanted to buy

a slab. A big slab. He could bring it home in the ship in two and a half years' time, and there wouldn't be another like it in the whole cemetery. In the meanwhile the woman next door would look after the children.

The Drafting Commander saw another face he remembered. A man who had requested to see him privately. Nine of this rating's fourteen years' service had been spent abroad: he had only been home from China six months, and there were reasons—he gave them alone in the room while the banished Drafting Master-at-Arms and Chief Writer discussed the chances of the depot football team with dignified detachment on the other side of the closed door—why he wanted to stay at home a little longer.

The Drafting Commander listened to them: they were intimate, pathetic, but of a variety that his Majesty's Service, which cannot afford to be too concerned with the private affairs of its servants, did not recognise.

"The numbers are cut to the bone," he had explained, wondering, as he met the man's miserable eyes, if he would ever acquire the bowels of cast-iron the job required. "We are working on the barest margin, not because we want to, but because that is what we are given to work with. It's what is called National Economy. If I told you up from draft another man must go instead: out of his turn. That would be unfair to him I am sorry—awfully sorry, but you must go."

So he went, and the Drafting Commander watched his face as he stood listening impassively to the Commodore's exhortations to remember at all times—and in all places the credit of the Port Division to which he belonged. Tomorrow his Captain would exhort him to be a credit to his ship, and in a few weeks the Lieutenant of his Division would invite him to do things to the glory of his Division. And perhaps in a little while he would forget.

"... his star shall be." The music of the distant band, as if daunted by the grey surroundings where tripod masts and superimposed turrets loomed above dock walls, grew faint and died away. The Drafting Commander turned away from the window and sat down at his desk. There were request men to be interviewed, advancements to be scrutinised and confirmed, men to be pulled in from ships in harbour for training classes, reliefs to be found for them and for the daily wastage of the Fleet, men to take the places of the sick, the dead, the time expired.

"Request men, Sir!" In they filed one after the other, and as far as his conscience, the Drafting Regulations, and National Economy allowed, he gave each man his desire.

The last requested a private interview. The customary withdrawal took place, and the suppliant, a short, thickset individual with grizzled curly hair, rolled his eyes, sighed deeply, and said: "I'd thank you to send me to a ship down the harbour, Sir." "Where are you now?" "Here in Barracks, Sir."

"Yes—well!" The eyes rolled still more wildly. "And when I goes ashore I has to go out through the main gate." "Quite." "But if I was to go to a ship down the harbour I'd land somewhere else." "Yes, I follow that. But what's your objection to going out through the main gate?" "There's a young lady got a habit of waiting there for me, Sir."

"Well, what of it? What's your objection to that?" "I don't wish to meet her, Sir." "Why not, for Heaven's sake?" "She's got a hat-pin in her hair, Sir." The request man pursed up his lips and sighed. There was a pause. "I see. All right. I'll see what can be done."

"And even now," murmured the conscientious Drafting Commander as he turned to his papers after the request man had withdrawn, "even now I haven't pleased everybody. There's the young lady..."

MOTOR SHIPYARD.

LOCAL PLANT NOW IN FULL WORKING ORDER.

The public will probably be interested to learn that the Shipyard of the South China Motor-Shipbuilding & Repairing Works, Ltd., which was opened a few months ago, and all the plant and machinery of which has been purchased from Europe at a very reasonable rate of exchange, is now in full working order, and as also the preliminary organisation is completed, the Shipyard may now go into the work for the further day-out.

Not idle. It is of interest to note that the Shipyard has not been idle during these few months, as already two smaller crafts have been built and two further orders have been received, besides the two motorships which are now under construction and the keels of which were laid down on January 13. Besides these new constructions there is repair work in hand, so that the Shipyard can be well satisfied with the beginning.

STEAM OR OIL.

THE TWO MOTOR POWERS BECOMING STABILISED.

In a contemporary, Engineer Rear-Admiral W. Scott Hill, of Sir J. H. Biles and Co., makes some statements which call for comment, says the Motor Ship. He says that on June 30 an extract from Lloyd's Register showed 47.5 per cent. motor ship horse-power under construction and on September 30 this had fallen to 43 per cent. He presumably refers only to the United Kingdom, although this is not made clear. The figures for the world are 58.5 per cent. and 52.5 per cent. respectively, including Russia. The reduction in the world-percentage is mainly due to the commencement in Italy during the quarter of two ships with turbine machinery of 208,000 h.p., and the construction of two such vessels would hardly justify any general conclusion regarding the future of shipping. Moreover, it is well known that Lloyd's figures for the power of machinery are incomplete, since they are supplied by the builders and are not prepared by Lloyd's surveyors themselves, as are the details relating to tonnage of ships under construction. For instance, in the last returns there were stated to be 88 oil engines building in Great Britain and 98 motor ships. Figures of tonnage are obviously the only safe source of comparisons.

We are, however, inclined to agree with Engineer Rear-Admiral Scott Hill when he says "there is some evidence that the proportion of shipping using the two motive power (steam and oil engines respectively) is at present tending to become stabilised."

At present 63 per cent. of the world tonnage being built is to be equipped with oil engines and 37 per cent. with steam machinery. Oil-engine builders are not dissatisfied that nearly two-thirds of the tonnage built is to be supplied with internal-combustion machinery.

Engineer Rear-Admiral Scott Hill also refers to the paper of Mr. Muller (Superintendent Engineer of the Koninklijke Paketvaart Maatschappij) before the Institute of Fuel. The former stated that in their larger vessels the owners in question

"were thoroughly satisfied with their mechanically fired coal ships and have recently added two 10,000-ton turbine vessels to their fleet, which were originally intended to be motor ships."

The inference is that the owners studied the recent developments of turbine and internal-combustion machinery, deciding in favour of the former.

Mr. Muller's actual statement in his paper was:— "These ships had been planned first as motor ships, but as the horse-power wanted was rather on the large size (9,000 h.p.) it was decided in 1925 to install turbines, mainly because there would only be a little time for overhauling on each voyage."

In other words, the owners did (Continued at foot of preceding column.)

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Tai Poo Sek, French str., 1,219 tons, Capt. M. Paul, from C. Wan, C.M.S.N. Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.

Thursday, Jan. 15.
Changkiang, French str., 1,717 tons, Capt. L. J. Cruchot, from Shanghai, buoy No. A10.—Sing Kee & Co.
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ton, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.
Sungshan Maru, Japanese str., 1,503 tons, Capt. T. Honjo, from Canton, buoy No. B17.—N.Y.K.
Sunkong, Chinese str., 322 tons, Capt. Lai Kwong, from K. C. Wan, Salkong Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.

Taiping, Norwegian str., 4,035 tons, Capt. J. A. Jensen, from Shanghai, buoy No. A18.—Dedwell & Co.

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Talima, British str., 10,000 tons, Capt. G. Harley, from Calcutta via Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

Yelljun Maru, Japanese str., 1,284 tons, Capt. R. Taketani, from Canton, buoy No. C4.—D.K.K.

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*COMORIN	15,132	31st Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KIDDERPORE	5,231	4th Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
*PERIM	7,648	7th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KASHGAR	9,003	14th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
MALWA	10,090	28th Feb.	Marseilles & London.
KHIVA	9,135	7th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KHIBER	9,114	14th Mar.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*SOMALI	—	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KAWALPINDI	16,619	28th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
*KARMALA	9,128	31st Apr.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*RAJPUTANA	16,598	25th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
*KALYAN	9,144	9th May	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*COMORIN	15,132	23rd May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHMIR	8,985	6th June	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*KASHGAR	9,003	20th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHGAR	9,003	4th July	Marseilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
*KAWALPINDI	16,619	18th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KHIBER	9,114	1st Aug.	Marseilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
*RAJPUTANA	16,598	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KARMALA	9,128	22nd Aug.	Marseilles & London.
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KASHGAR	9,005	17th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KHIVA	9,135	25th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*ALIPORE	10,980	31st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	6,975	1st Feb.	Moji & Kobe.
TANDA	6,950	15th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'ham.
KHIBER	9,114	14th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,006	20th Feb.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*SOMALI	—	20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*KAWALPINDI	16,619	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*TALAMBA	8,018	31st Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'ham.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'ham.
KARMALA	9,128	14th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	16,598	27th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	6,853	8th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'ham.
KALYAN	9,144	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*COMORIN	15,132	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'ham.
*KASHMIR	8,985	8th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'ham.
TANDA	6,950	22nd May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANPURA	10,501	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHGAR	9,005	19th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'ham.
*ALIPORE	10,980	3rd July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*KAWALPINDI	16,619	17th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'ham.
KHIBER	9,114	31st July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	6,853	14th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'ham.
RAJPUTANA	16,598	28th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KARMALA	9,128	11th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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T'au via S'low & S'hai	HOPKANG	Sun., 25th Jan. at 7 a.m.
S'pore, Penang & S'hai	HANGSANG	Wed., 28th Jan. at 7 a.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	HOSANG	Mon., 19th Jan. at 3 p.m.
S'pore, Penang & Ceylon	KUTSANG	Mon., 2nd Feb. at 3 p.m.
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Moji & Kobe	YUENSANG	Thurs., 22nd Jan. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, YUENSANG	YUENSANG	Tues., 27th Jan. at 7 a.m.
Moji & Kobe	YUENSANG	Tues., 3rd Feb. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & NAMSANG	YUENSANG	Tues., 3rd Feb. at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Sun., 18th Jan. at Noon
Sandakan	YUSANG	Sun., 1st Feb. at Noon
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HONG KONG TIDE

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kowloon tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Dobson during the years 1887, 1888 and 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kowloon, but they may be used for the Victoria, Naval Yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

January 16 to 22, 1931.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOWER WATER
Jan.	Standard Times	Standard Times
Fri. 16	9 43 a.m. 11 2 39 a.m.	5 31 p.m. 7 30 p.m.
Sat. 17	7 42 a.m. 10 3 40 a.m.	3 31 p.m. 5 30 p.m.
Sun. 18	5 41 a.m. 8 3 40 a.m.	1 31 p.m. 3 30 p.m.
Mon. 19	3 40 a.m. 6 3 40 a.m.	11 31 a.m. 1 30 p.m.
Tues. 20	1 39 a.m. 4 3 40 a.m.	9 31 a.m. 11 30 a.m.
Wed. 21	11 38 a.m. 3 3 40 a.m.	7 31 a.m. 9 30 a.m.
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SILVER LIVING?

Man is an optimistic animal. Unwilling to believe that things are as bad as they might be, he embroders the New Year with the design of salvation, fondly nourishing the belief that the turning over of the calendar is the "Open Sesame" to some Alladin's cave of prosperity and peace.

Well, 1931 has dawned dourly for those of us who held illusions of a miraculous revival of the world from the abyss of the trade depression to a boom in industry and a cheerful economic prospect for the rest of the year. In the first place the demand for silver seems to have sunk to the lowest possible requirements; silver mines all over the world are closed down, and tin and lead producers are offering the commodity on the market only because the costs of production are negligible when silver is mined with other metals. Thus we have seen the vagarious dollar phillander with a very important part — of the Exchange chart until it reached its present low rate, and we have indignantly expostulated with the world at large, demanding that "something be done" and asking, with some heat, why the Government is unable (or "unwilling," as some would have it) to stabilise the dollar on a gold basis. Unfortunately, the problem is not so easy as it looks, and one cannot change a currency with the ease with which one can change a by-law. The "drop in Home market, however, can make the dollar," as it has become familiarly known, is the indirect result of a world-wide trade depression, in which every nation

alike has suffered by decreased exports, inflated prices, and internal labour troubles.

It is no simple matter to point a finger to any one cause, but the student of economy might persuade us with a considerable background of evidence that the collapse of world trade and the disruption of industry are due to the Great War. A recognition of this fact is of little practical help, however, for to know the cause is not necessarily to counteract the effect. The factors, and they are many, which have contributed toward industrial and financial depression need to be overcome if we are to experience a revival in the next five years. That a recovery, if it should come within this period, will be either sudden or complete is extremely unlikely, for the trouble is deep-seated, lying at the very rock bottom of the nations' industrial systems. Yet, until that revival occurs, we in Hong Kong must not be unduly optimistic and expect increased trade or a rising dollar to follow as a natural course any agreement that may be contracted between British, American, and French bankers.

The Right Hon. Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, Minister for Labour in the late Conservative Government, recently traced the cause of the trade depression in Great Britain and of the decline of the export trade of that country, to which it was mainly attributable. He pointed out, with the authority of a wide and sound experience, that the principal cause of the decline was the high cost of British production as compared with that of other countries. Sir Steel-Maitland suggested the imposition of a tariff, and we are thus brought to the fundamental problem — how to reduce costs of production. He admits fairly enough, that a tariff is not an end in itself, and that it is only a part — albeit a very important part — of a much wider question — the efficiency of British industry. By that efficiency the country must stand or fall.

It is of great importance in the Home market, in the overseas markets, it is vital. Efficiency leads to increased spending power, and to increased production, and to increased employment. No development of the Home market, however, can make the dollar, as it has become familiarly known, is the indirect result of a world-wide trade depression, in which every nation

of \$600,000,000. However successful may be the development of Home production it passes human credulity to believe that our income from foreign investments and shipping will ever suffice to pay for our necessary imports. Dependent, therefore, upon our export trade, the prices at which we produce must be such that we can compete successfully with our rivals in overseas markets.

There is no need here to reiterate the well-known causes of our declining trade — costs of Government, costs of management, costs of labour, and costs of distribution — but each affects the level of prices. The outlook is dark for the future. Our only hope lies in producing as economically as our competitors.

All costs of production, therefore, must be tackled together and if the situation is not taken in hand resolutely, and Britain continues to drift, the end must be disaster. The stagnation of British industry is to be attributed to one outstanding cause — that our prices in the world's markets were too high, and our competitors cut us out.

The dangers facing the country to-day are some of the greatest that we have ever had to encounter. Yet there is a silver lining to this dark cloud. The nation possesses in the ability of its people and in its natural advantages every element to enable it to regain its old prosperity and its great position among the industrial countries of the world. What Britain needs are courage, clear-sightedness, and leadership.

News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 50 degrees. The humidity was 86 degrees at 10 a.m. and 50 degrees at 10 p.m.

It is announced at the Harbour Office that Murray Pier, which has been closed since November, 1930, has been reopened for traffic.

Yue Tung, a banished, who returned before his appointed time, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning.

Sir William Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of the University, will distribute the prizes at the Canossian Institute (Italian Convent School) on Wednesday next, at 5.30 p.m.

Mr. J. C. O'G. Anderson has taken over temporary charge of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and district from Mr. J. M. H. Osborne, Commissioner.

For stealing eight wooden blocks, the property of a building contractor, of 188, Ki Lung Street, Leung Tun, a Chinese, was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning.

A pretty calendar for 1931, depicting Balinese dancing girls performing before a group of natives in the open air, has been sent to us by the local agents of the Koninklijke Paketvaart Maatschappij.

The public is reminded of the lecture being given in the Cathedral Hall at 5.30 to-day on "The Social Work of the League of Nations." The lecture has been arranged by the League of Nations Society and the lecturer will be Mr. Bascom Johnson, Chairman of the Commission of Enquiry into the Traffic in Woman and Children in the East.

As reported in our columns yesterday Dame Clara Butt and Mr. Kennerley Rumford arrived from Singapore and are staying at the Repulse Bay Hotel. This is Dame Clara Butt's first visit to Hong Kong and she is giving two concerts in the City Hall. The first is to-morrow and the second on Monday. Every one should take this opportunity of hearing this wonderful singer — the greatest contralto of our time.

A very pleasing ceremony was witnessed in the R.A.O.B. Club yesterday evening when Messrs. G. Wilson and J. Butland, Chairman and Treasurer, respectively, for two years, were presented with a gold watch, a gold chain, and a gold fob, in recognition of their services. Mr. F. Cullen, Chairman for 1931, made the presentations in felicitous terms and Messrs. Wilson and Butland, suitably replied. Mr. Butland leaves for Home to-morrow, taking with him the good wishes of all Buffaloes in the Province of China.

Ho Wai, a Chinese youth, arrested yesterday on his arrival from Canton and found to have possession of 90 tials of raw opium, appeared at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court to-day and was fined \$2,700 or 6 months' imprisonment by Mr. Butters.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—Raymundo Alarcon, No. 10, Granville Road, Kowloon, to Agnes Brown, No. 670, Nathan Road, Kowloon; and Antonio Paulo Guterres, No. 24, Granville Road, to Thelma Ricardo Pacheco d'Assumpcao, Peace Avenue, Kowloon.

In a competition entitled "The best plan for laying out \$1,000,000 within a period of twelve months," organised by St. Andrew's Club, Mrs. Vessouma was voted the winner out of three entries received, and a prize was presented to her last night in the Church Hall. The winner's plan projected the erection of a School of Commerce.

The body of a woman, which was found floating in the harbour on Tuesday afternoon, with a rope tied tightly round the neck, and a large piece of granite attached to the rope has been identified as that of Lai Yuet-fu, a widow of 28 years. She is stated to have occupied a bed space on the third floor of 223 Reclamation Street, and has been missing since January 3.

A notice to mariners issued by the Harbour Master, from information received from the Naval Authorities, states: (a) night firing practice will be carried out between Changchau Island and Lingting Island after dark on Tuesday, January 20; and (b) river side practice at Sau Chau Island will be carried out on the morning of Wednesday, January 21.

KWANGSI WAR END?

**REBELS TO BE REORGANISED
INTO DEFENCE CORPS.**

COLONELS AS MAGISTRATES.

Canton, Yesterday. Considerable significance is attached to the departure of General Wu Ting-yang, the erstwhile Kwangsi divisional commander, who left Hong Kong on January 8, arriving at Annam on January 11 en route to Lungchow, from where he will proceed to Nanning to meet the Kwangsi leaders Li Tsung-yen, Pei Tsung-hsi, Wang Shao-hung and Chang Fat-kuei. According to plans drawn up by General Wu for the rehabilitation of Kwangsi, the Ironside-Kwangsi insurgents are to be reorganised into Provincial Defence Corps.

The Province is to be divided into certain garrison areas with the appointment of one garrison commandant in each area. General Wu has further proposed that military officers of the "colonel" rank be appointed magistrates in every district so as to deal with the activity of bandits in the locality concerned. The magistrate is held responsible for the pacification of the towns and villages under his control.

Nanning Conference. Telegraphic advices from Nanning state that the insurgent leaders held several meetings last week, deciding voluntarily to reorganise the 4th Army under Chang Fat-kuei, the 7th Army under Yang Teng-fai, and the 15th Army under Wang Cho-tso into 12 regiments of Provincial Defence Corps; to divide the province into certain garrison areas with the appointment of local magistrates as garrison commandants; to convert Nanning, the Kwangsi capital, into a self-control area; and to develop the barren lands in North of Kwangsi. It is apparent that General Wu has gained the full confidence of the Ironside-Kwangsi, leading generals, in view of the fact that many of the above proposals duly decided were submitted by him, prior to his departure from Hong Kong for Kwangsi.

War Ended. It is asserted that General Wu has brought with him a draft circular telegram to be released at Nanning after obtaining the signatures of the rebel leaders, who are expected to issue the telegram, pledging their full support to the Central Government. It is generally believed that the Kwangsi war will be terminated following the release of the telegram.

Heavy Taxes. On account of lack of food-stuffs and ammunition, the Ironside-Kwangsi-ites have, since their retreat to Kwangsi, pressed the inhabitants for the payment of 10 per cent of the receipts of cereals on fields and of \$5 on every \$100 of the merchants' capital registered. At other additional charges on wine Pakhoi, as part of the work of the and tobacco are being levied. In Church, there is a leper hospital with 180 beds, and a general hospital with 60 beds. The work is asking the assistance of their countrymen to urge the cancellation of the taxes. Canton News Agency.

**DARING PIRACY ON
HSIN MIN.**

**Marines Ordered to
Intercept Pirates.
FIVE CAPTURED.**

Canton, Yesterday. Following the daring piracy on the China Merchant's S.N. Co.'s steamer Hsin Min, the Canton Naval Headquarters telegraphically instructed the marines, stationed in Miao Bay, to intercept them. Acting under orders, Counsellor Tsai directed a number of marines on Tuesday to Tienhang, near Tai-chow-hong, where he succeeded in defeating the pirates who hid themselves in three steam launches.

As a result of half an hour's engagement, five pirates were captured and five kidnapped passengers were released. The remaining outlaws abandoned their launches and landed, taking their flight toward the high mountains, closely pursued by the marines.

Launches Boarded. The local Naval Headquarters were yesterday in receipt of the following message from Counsellor Tsai:

Acting under instructions, the marines were despatched in various strategic points for the interception of the outlaws. On Tuesday, the marines came into contact with the pirates, who boarded three steam launches at Tienhang, near Tai-chow-hong. The pirates, numbering about 20, offered a stubborn resistance, but were subsequently defeated after half an hour's struggle, resulting in the capture of five pirates and the release of five passengers who had been kidnapped. The rest of the outlaws fled toward the mountains, hotly chased by the marines. Canton News Agency.

MR. J. J. HIRST.

**DEATH OF FORESTRY DEPT.
SUPERVISOR.**

ONLY 21 YEARS OF AGE.

It is with deep regret that the China Mail has to record the death of Mr. James John Hirst, at the comparatively early age of 21 years, at the Kowloon Hospital at 11.45 a.m. to-day. He became ill last Monday week, and on Friday his condition grew worse and he was taken to hospital. During the past week, Mr. Hirst's condition became critical, but on Wednesday morning a slight improvement was reported. However, on Thursday he had a lapse, and his condition became very grave, and he gradually sank. He was suffering from diphtheria, coupled with bronchitis and tonsillitis.

Mr. Hirst is the eldest son of Mr. W. W. Hirst, manager of the Steam Laundry Company. He has a brother, Mr. W. H. G. Hirst, who is at the Supreme Court, and a sister, Miss A. Hirst, who is on the staff of the Vacuum Oil Company. Great sympathy will be extended to the family in their bereavement.

Keen Sportsman. Mr. J. J. Hirst was a Supervisor of the Botanical and Forestry Department, having been appointed an Assistant Supervisor on June 1, 1927. In the field of sport, Mr. Hirst took an active part, having played cricket for the Kowloon Cricket Club, hockey, and basketball for the Kowloon British School Former Pupils' Association. He was a member of the Hong Kong Flying Club, in which he took great interest; and belonged to the Machine Gun Company of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. He was also a keen motorist. Mr. Hirst was educated at the Central British School and held the Full Honours Certificate of the Royal Drawing Society.

Funeral To-morrow. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon, when full Military honours will be accorded. The M.C. Company will fall in at Volunteer Headquarters at 3 p.m. Dress—Helmets, tunics, medals, belt and sidearms, slacks and black boots.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of January 16, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/11 1/2.

The Bishop of Victoria left yesterday for a visit to Pakhoi and Lien Chow and will return about January 26. Pakhoi and Lien Chow are both in the south of the province, on the border of the diocese. At other additional charges on wine Pakhoi, as part of the work of the and tobacco are being levied. In Church, there is a leper hospital with 180 beds, and a general hospital with 60 beds. The work is asking the assistance of their countrymen to urge the cancellation of the taxes. Canton News Agency.



IN THE SOCIAL SWIM

by
AUDAX

"I once had the opportunity of preventing a murder," the Senior Army Chaplain (Church of England), the Rev. C. Scott Little, told me the other day. It was during the time that he had charge of a slum district of Middlesbrough. It was a bitter night in December and his overcoat was buttoned up at the top, concealing his clerical collar. Just as he was passing down a mean alley-way, he heard a woman's voice screaming "Murder! murder!" He retraced his steps and waited outside the house from which the screams had come. Presently the screaming began afresh and he opened the door and boldly entered the parlour. There, by the light of an oil lamp, he saw a woman, her hair dishevelled, being chased round a table by a man, presumably her husband, who held a knife in his hand. Although obviously in a drunken condition, the man paused when the Padre entered, and muttered "Good evening, Doctor." The Padre took up the cue and did his best to calm the man by means of a conversation about the weather. At the same time he tried, by means of signs, to induce the woman to go upstairs. Instead, she continued to nag her husband, who was still brandishing the knife in an unpleasant fashion. Eventually the visitor persuaded them to "make it up," and left the house with the satisfaction that he had prevented a possible crime. But he confessed to me that it was one of the most uncomfortable half hours he has ever spent!

A sense of impending danger is felt by all of us at times. During the first stages of the construction of the new Gloucester Building, a number of accidents occurred due to girders and other pieces of metal falling from the staging. "I am sure there will be another accident there one day," Mr. D. L. King, the Secretary to the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., was heard to remark to a friend. A day or two later Mr. King was obliged in the course of business to pay a visit to the Gloucester Building. Need-



"Does your daughter speak foreign languages?"
"Not very well—she has learned to say 'Yes' in four languages in case a foreign nobleman asks her to marry him."

Passing Show, London.

less to say, he felt apprehensive about it. Every now and again he would glance up at the scaffolding, expecting it to collapse on his head. In the midst of his conversation he forgot his fears when all of a sudden something like a black streak whizzed through the air and landed in a heap of sand not more than a foot from where he was standing. It was a heavy iron spanner, and so great had been the force of the fall that it was completely buried in the sand. He didn't remain in the building a minute longer than was necessary after that!

It is surprising how many well-known people one sees at "Mac's" on a Saturday night. Last week this popular cafeteria was full of familiar faces. There were Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, J.P., the bullion broker and Mrs. Bonnar, a sister of Mr. C. C. Hickling, of Butterfield and Swire's. They have two children, Eileen being one of the most popular members of the younger set in Hong Kong and a strikingly pretty girl. Their son John used to play a great game for the local Rugby Club at scrum-half, but he was recently transferred to Singapore, much to the regret of his XV. Mr. Bonnar retired from the Colony a few years ago, but on his return was immediately given a seat on the Exchange.

Among other people whom I noticed in "Mac's" was Miss "Joey" Lack, the blonde-haired daughter of Mr. S. Lack, Superintendent of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co. She was in riding kit and had just returned from the Fanning Hunt. Miss Lack is an exceptionally good rider, and horses are her first love. Her brother, Tommy, is one of the sturdiest little fellows in the Colony, and can box and swim with the best of them. In spite of his tender years.

The younger residents and newcomers in particular are often

heard to complain that Hong Kong is a dull spot. "Look at Shanghai with its cabarets and night clubs," they declare, as if they wanted to have that hectic sort of night life here. The other day, however, I heard of an incident which would certainly make these disgruntled moderns sit up and take notice. A young married couple in a certain local Hotel decided that life would be ever so much brighter if only one were a little darling. So they organised a pyjama party. It was on a quite small scale, and every one came in bed garments of varied hues. Nothing happened, of course, except that one lady shocked even herself by sipping a creme-de-menthe. But it was an amusing experiment and one that might be followed up in Hong Kong. Night-shirts, of course, should be absolutely barred.

An interesting point was raised at the inaugural meeting of the St. Patrick's Society on Thursday by Mr. J. C. O'Gorman Anderson, of the Chinese Customs Service, when he asked whether persons not of Irish origin, but of Irish birth, were eligible for full membership. There was considerable discussion on this point, the Chairman holding the view that such persons, as in the St. Andrew's Society, were eligible only for associate membership.

Eventually, however, it was decided that persons born in Ireland could become full members of the Society. Mr. Anderson, who comes from Ballydoyle, County Waterford, like many persons of English origin, is proud of his Irish associations. Perhaps not everybody is aware that Mrs. Anderson, whom he married in 1921, is none other than the brilliant novelist "Stella Benson," authoress of half a dozen best sellers. Mrs. Anderson, who is now living with her husband on the Peak, published her latest book, "The Man Who Missed the Bus," in 1928.

Mrs. Anderson, whose mother was a Cholmondeley, has spent her life largely abroad, having travelled in Switzerland, France, Germany, and the United States. Early in 1914 she took a small part in Women's Suffrage work, in which Miss Pankhurst and Miss Margaret Forbes-Robertson, the sister of the actor, Sir Johnston, figured prominently. During the War she worked for eighteen months in the East End of London and was later on the land. Mrs. Anderson, or rather, Miss Benson, as she then was, went to America in 1918, and lived in the States chiefly in California, where several of her novels were written, until 1920. Her "Sketches of Travel," which give an intimate light on people, scenes, and affairs in China and the Far East, was favourably reviewed.

Mrs. Shenton, the charming wife of the Hon. W. E. L. Shenton, the well-known Hong Kong solicitor and Member of the Legislative Council, is one of the most popular hostesses in the Colony. The dinner parties which the Shentons give at their picturesque home at Shekko are always brilliant affairs, which cannot be said of all the social functions in Hong Kong. Recently Mr. and Mrs. Shenton entertained Lord Li to tiffin at Shekko. An old friend whom they met some years ago in Shanghai, Lord Li belongs to the old Chinese aristocracy and once held a high post in the Imperial Government.

Mr. Shenton's ruling hobby is, of course, horse racing and he is to be seen at nearly all the meetings at Happy Valley, where he has a private box. All sorts of racing notabilities, owners and jockeys, meet there after the last race to have a whiskey and soda and a chat about their losses or "makings." I was there at the meeting before last, when Mr. Shenton told me that he was getting twelve ponies out for his stables, some of which he intends to run for the big meeting in February. Mrs. Shenton, whose interest in horses is not so deep as that of her husband, is a keen wireless "fan," and has a surprisingly intimate knowledge of the principles of radio, being fully acquainted with every part of her "set."

Mr. A. W. Summers, formerly connected with Messrs. Theas, Cook and Son, Ltd., and who was the first Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Flying Club, has been placed in charge of the South China headquarters for the Aviation Division of the L. E. Gale Company, Fed. Inc. U.S.A. of Shanghai and Hankow. Mr. Summers has opened offices in Union Building.

Mr. E. H. C. Hallows, B.A., B.A.L. (Trinity College, Dublin), First Class Land Surveyor of the

KONGMOON NOTES.

PASSENGER JUNK TAKEN BY PIRATES?

LIKIN OFFICES CLOSE.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Kongmoon, Yesterday. The Kongmoon-Yeungkong regular passenger and cargo junk was reported to be stranded outside Gaemoo owing to bad weather. The launch towing her returned to Kongmoon with the bad news and called for assistance. When assistance reached that place, the junk was nowhere to be seen but kerosene oil was found floating on the sea. It is suspected that the junk was either captured by pirates or sunk. The junk was carrying 60 or 65 passengers and a cargo of general goods and kerosene.

LIKIN ABOLITION.

All the likin stations in this area have closed down since January 1, and the Kongmoon Customs are opening stations at Yeungkong, Shantung and Taushan. The Kongmoon Native Customs are still functioning as usual. All the new stations are under the direct control of the Kongmoon Custom House.

Several cases of people being frozen to death were reported to the Police at Kongmoon; all the deceased were of the poor class. The a.s. On Lee, stranded near Wangmoon, did not arrive here until 6 p.m. on Tuesday last.

STOLEN GRATINGS.

WATCHFUL AMAH SPOTS THE THIEVES.

Two Chinese appeared before Mr. E. H. Williams at the Central Second Court this morning charged with the larceny of two iron gratings, the property of the War Department. Sergeant A. W. Fields, M.P.S.C., appeared as the complainant.

Sub-Inspector Smith said that the gratings were on the path in Garden Road, opposite St. John's Cathedral, which led to Murray Barracks. Yesterday afternoon, Sergeant Fields' amah saw the defendants trying to take the gratings up, and she called her master, who had them arrested. His Worship remarked on the great danger that would be caused by taking a grating away, especially at night time.

Inspector Smith agreed, and said that the holes they covered were about four feet deep. Anyone might break his leg if he fell in at night time. Sentence of two months' hard labour on each was passed.

Public Works Department, on Tuesday completed seventeen years in the Government Service. He received his appointment as Assistant Land Surveyor on January 13, 1914. He was seconded for Military service the same year and left here on October 10, returning for duty with the P.W.D. on January 12, 1920.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.
To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels.
To-night—Taikoo Club Annual Ball.
To-morrow—Old Bedfordian Dinner, 8 p.m.
To-morrow—Craigengower Cricket Club Dance.
Sunday—Tea Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre.
"Not So Dumb."
To-day—Central Theatre.
"The Vagabond King."
To-day—World Theatre.
"Knight of the Burning Temple," (Chinese picture).
To-day—Star Theatre.
"Protection."
To-day—Majestic Theatre.
"The Rainbow Man."
To-day—Concert, Helena May Institute, Kowloon, 8.45 p.m.
January 17 and 19—Theatre Royal; Dame Clara Butt.

Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from America and ports (President Jackson); from Europe via Suez (Kashgar); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Kashgar), 6 p.m.

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Kashmir), 10.30 a.m.

Sports.

See Diary on page 8.
February 10—H. K. Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., ordinary meeting, Messrs Jardine Matheson's Offices, 12.30 p.m.
Miscellaneous.

To-day—Lecture on "League of Nations" by Mr. Bascombe Johnson, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.
To-day—Theatre Royal: Lecture on "Conquering fear and worry" by Dr. P. Fennelly, 9.15 p.m.

To-morrow—St. Stephen's College prize distribution, Stanley, 3 p.m.

MEAT MAGNATE

FATAL FALL FROM WINDOW OF HOME.

MR. EDISON WHITE.

Chicago, Yesterday. Mr. F. Edison White, President of Armour Company, was killed by a fall from a window in his home. —Reuter's American Service.

SOVIET DEBTS.

CLAIMS AND COUNTER CLAIMS.

Rugby, Yesterday. The eleventh meeting of the Anglo-Soviet debts and claims committee yesterday decided that the sub-committee dealing with bondholders' claims and Soviet counter-claims should commence its work on January 26 and the sub-committee dealing with miscellaneous private debts, claims and counter-claims on both sides, early in February.—British Wireless Service.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 19th day of January, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Ngau Tau Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

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SHOOTING AFFAIR.

TRIPLE TRAGEDY IN CAINE ROAD.

INQUEST SHORTLY.

It was officially stated at Police Headquarters this morning that Chan Hang-sik, pawn-broker in Shek-ki, who was shot in the neck by a bullet in the Caine Road shooting affair at 2.30 on Wednesday afternoon, died in the Government Civil Hospital yesterday morning at 9.30.

It will be recalled that a merchant, San Fong-hing, aged 41, and living at 127, Caine Road, drew a revolver and fired at his accountant, Lei Kwai-ching, who was killed on the spot. The pawnbroker was the next victim, after which the merchant is thought to have shot himself through the head.

On enquiries made, the China Mail learned that the date of the inquest has not yet been fixed.

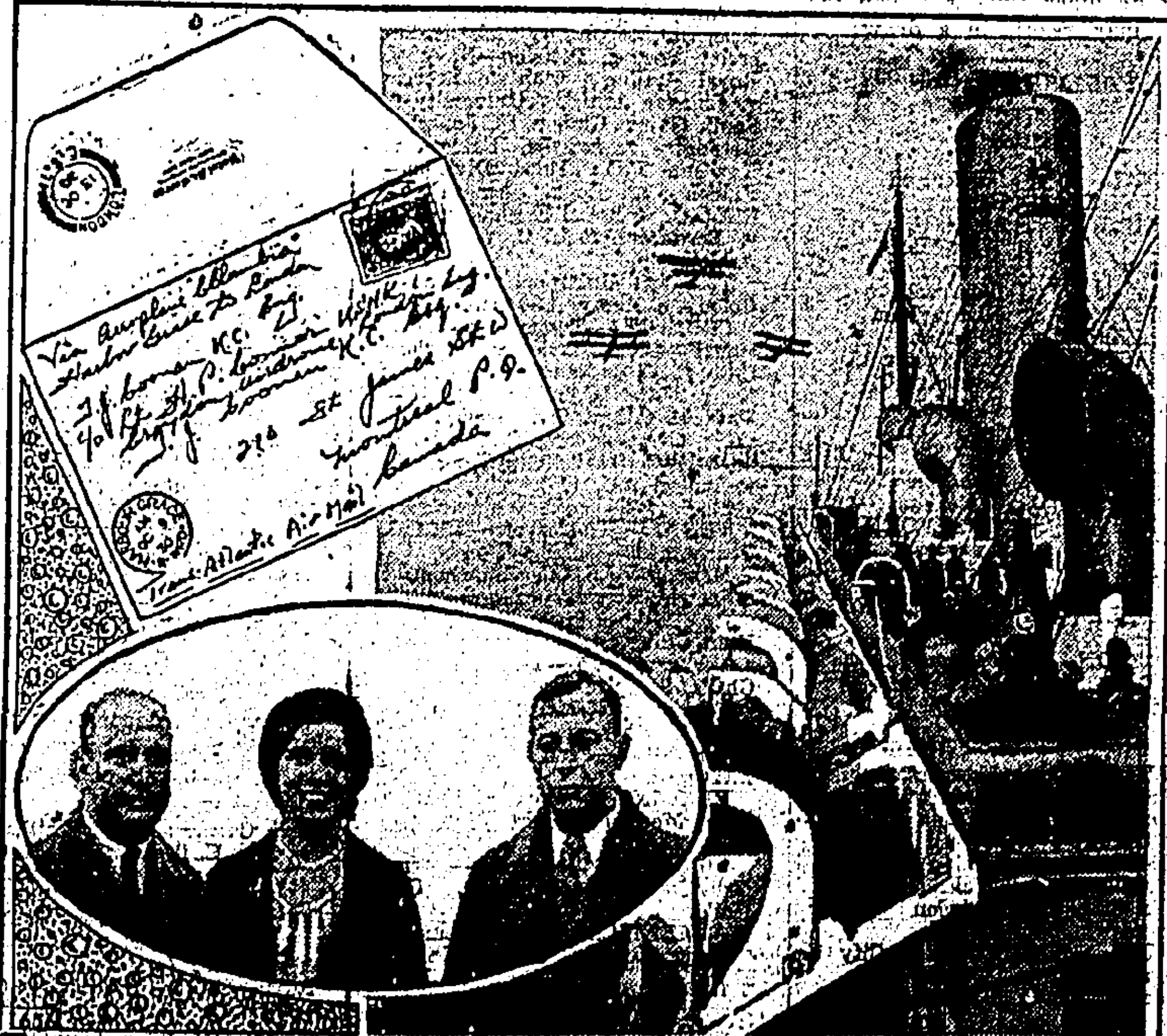
DROUGHT RELIEF.

U.S. BILL PROVIDES FOR \$45,000,000.

SIGNED BY PRESIDENT.

Washington, Yesterday. President Hoover to-day signed a Bill providing for \$45,000,000 for drought relief. —Reuter's American Service.

Planes Welcome Heroes of the Air



First Canadian to cross the Atlantic in a heavier-than-air machine, Captain J. E. R. Boyd, and his American navigator, Lieut. Harry P. Connor, had a royal reception by land and air when they arrived in Montreal, recently, aboard the Canadian Pacific liner Duchess of Bedford. Their historic flight commenced September 13 from St. Hubert, Quebec, and they landed the same day at Charlotte Harbor, Fla. Thereafter, contrary weather delayed the adventure but eventually they took off from Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, October 2, and after 48 hours' soaring, touched down at St. John's, Nfld., on October 10. They were in London

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Sport Columns

HOME FOOTBALL.

BLACKBURN'S CUP TIE WITH WALSALL.

TWO LEAGUE MATCHES.

The replayed English Cup tie between Walsall and Blackburn Rovers was decided yesterday, the Rovers winning by a margin of three goals. They next meet Bristol Rovers at home and should easily survive.

In the Southern section of the Third Division of the League Northampton were surprised by Watford, who won by the odd goal in five.

In the Northern Section Carlisle met Lincoln, the latter winning by a margin of three goals, no fewer than nine goals in all being scored.

Results as enabled by Reuters:—

English Cup.

Walsall	0	Blackburn	3
Division III—Southern			
Northampton	2	Watford	3
Division III—Northern			
Carlisle	3	Lincoln	6

REVISED TABLES.

Division III—Southern.				
	P.	W.	D.	L.
Nottingham	24	15	6	3
Crystal Palace	23	13	5	5
Northampton	22	12	6	6
Southend	21	14	2	8
Exeter	20	10	9	4
Fulham	19	11	5	8
Brentford	18	11	4	9
Tranmere	17	11	3	10
Exeter	16	9	7	12
Coventry	15	10	4	11
Bournemouth	14	9	6	13
Swindon	13	11	2	11
Queen's P.R.	12	10	2	11
Gillingham	11	7	8	9
Watford	10	8	10	11
Bristol R.	9	7	11	11
Clapton O.	8	2	10	17
Walsall	7	6	10	19
Thames	6	3	15	25
Norwich	5	4	15	25
Newport	4	2	15	29

Division III—Northern.				
	P.	W.	D.	L.
Lincoln	24	17	3	4
Chesterfield	23	15	5	9
Stockport	22	15	3	10
Tranmere	21	15	3	11
Wrexham	20	14	7	13
Southport	19	13	4	17
Wigan	18	14	1	9
Hull	17	11	6	14
Gateshead	16	12	7	13
Pothenham	15	8	10	15
Rochdale	14	9	12	13
Accrington	13	9	12	14
Hartlepool	12	9	12	14
Dunfermline	11	11	11	13
Darlington	10	8	13	13
York	9	8	13	13
Barrow	8	7	13	15
N. Brighton	7	7	14	16
Hallifax	6	6	12	19
Crawley	5	6	14	19
Nelson	4	5	15	20

Who'll Win?

SATURDAY'S LIST OF LEAGUE GAMES.

(Exclusive to China Mail—by "Linesman.")

The following is a list of Home football matches on Saturday. The teams in black type may win; where no black type is shown the match may result in a draw:

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.	
ARSENAL	v. Sunderland
ASTON VILLA	v. Bolton
BLACKBURN	v. Leeds U.
Chelsea	v. West Ham
DERBY C.	v. Sheffield U.
Huddersfield	v. Liverpool
M'CHESTER C.	v. Birmingham
MIDLESBRO'	v. Blackpool
NEWCASTLE	v. Manchester U.
PORTSMOUTH	v. Leicester C.
WEDNESDAY	v. Grimsby
Division II.	
BARNLEY	v. Charlton
BRADFORD	v. Tottenham
Bristol C.	v. Bradford C.
BURY	v. Swansea
Cardiff	v. Port Vale
EVERTON	v. West Bromwich
MILLWALL	v. Oldham
Reading	v. Burnley
SHAMPTON	v. Plymouth
STOKE C.	v. Notts For.
WOLVES	v. Preston
Division III—Southern.	
BRENTFORD	v. Newport Co.
BRIGHTON	v. Queen's P.R.
Clapton O.	v. Fulham
CRYSTAL P.	v. Gillingham
N'HAMPTON	v. Walsall
Norwich C.	v. Swindon
NOTTS CO.	v. Luton
Southend	v. Coventry City
THAMES	v. Exeter
Torquay	v. Bournemouth
Watford	v. Bournemouth
Division III—Northern.	
Carlisle	v. Southport
Crawley	v. Darlington
Hartlepool	v. STOCKPORT
HULL	v. Doncaster
LINCOLN	v. Gateshead
NELSON	v. Halifax
Rotherham	v. CHESTERFIELD
TRANMERE	v. Accrington
WIGAN	v. New Brighton
WREKHAM	v. Rochdale
YORK	v. Barrow

Scottish Cup—First Round.

Stenhousemuir	v. HEARTS
QUEEN'S P.K.	v. Elgin City
East Stirling	v. HAMILTON
Armadale	v. RANGERS
HIBERNIANS	v. St. Cathbert W.
MONTROSE	v. Mid. Annandale
Murrayfield	v. Bath
Innes Citadel	v. KILMARNOCK
3RD LANARK	v. Buckie Thistle
ALBION R.	v. Vale of Atholl
MORTON	v. Raith Rovers
KINGS PARK	v. Falkirk Amateurs
CLYDE	v. Leith Ath.
AYR UNITED	v. Clackmannan
DONNESS	v. Peterhead
Clydebank	v. ST. MIRREN
ABERDEEN	v. Dumbarton
Out. of the S.	v. COWDENBEATH
ST. PETER'S	v. Forfar
M'HERVEILL	v. Bathgate
ALLOA	v. Dalbeattie Star
Civil Service	v. BANFF R.
DUNDEE	v. Fraserburgh
East Fife	v. CELTIC
Dunfermline	v. Inverness Caled.
Glasgow U.	v. Nithsdale
DUNDEE U.	v. Edinburgh City
Greeninch	v. FALKIRK
Peelers Rovers	v. Stranraer
St. Bernard's	v. Royal Albert
PARTICK T.	v. Moor Park
Moore Park	v. ARDROATH

SATURDAY'S SNIPS.

Home.	
Aston Villa	Middlesbrough
Newcastle United	Wednesday
Bury	Crystal Palace
Brentford	Northampton
Crystal Palace	Notts County
Hull	Lincoln
Tranmere	Wigan
Wrexham	Queen's Park
Hibernians	Third Lanark
King's Park	Ayr United
Motherwell	Partick Thistle
Away.	Fulham
Chesterfield	Heart's
Hamilton	Rangers
Kilmarnock	Cowdenbeath
St. Mirren	Celtic
Falkirk	

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

GOLF—To-day—Taggart Cup—Third Round.
To-morrow and Sunday—Bogey Pool, Fanning.
Sunday—First Round Junior Championship, Fanning.
Saturday and Sunday—K.G.C. Captain's Cup.
Tuesday—Ross Cup—First Round (Ladies).
January 25—Semi-final K.G.C. Junior Championship, Fanning.
February 10—Junior Section, Championship, R.H.K.G.C. (First round).
RIFLE SHOOTING—To-day—Public Meeting, Jardine Matheson's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.
CHESS—To-day—Kowloon Chess Club Championship.
Tuesday—Kowloon Chess Club Championship.
FANLING HUNT—To-morrow—Kennels.
January 21—Hunters' Arms.
January 22—17 Pine Tree Hill, 20 1/2/30 milestone.
January 28—Race Course.
January 31—Sun Wai Camp.
RUGBY FOOTBALL—To-morrow—Second Trial Game.
January 24—Club v. Army (Triangular Tournament).
February 8—Club v. Navy (Triangular Tournament).
FOOTBALL—To-morrow—First Division—Navy v. Borderers; Club v. R.A. Argyle v. Chinese Athletic, St. Joseph's v. Club de Recreation.
Second Division—Navy v. Royal Artillery, Club de Recreation v. Chinese Athletic, University v. South China, Club v. St. Joseph's, Borderers v. Argyle, Eastern v. Kowloon F.C. Third Division—Fukien v. Royal Air Force, R.A.O.C. v. Royal Engineers, Ewo v. Borderers, R.A.S.C. v. Chinese Athletic.
Tuesday—Interport Trial—Colon v. Army, 4.30 p.m.
CRICKET—To-morrow—Division I—Civil Service v. Kowloon C.C. (L); Indian R.C. v. Hong Kong C.C. (F); Division II—Kowloon C.C. v. Civil Service C.C. (L); Hong Kong C.C. v. Indian R.C. (F).
Sunday—Police v. Volunteers.
TENNIS—To-morrow—H.K.C.C. Tournament—Entries Close.
Monday—U.S.R.C. Tournament—Second Rounds Close.
RACING—Sunday—Fanning Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.
February 15—Fanning Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.
February 28—March 7—Annual Race Meeting.
March 14—First Extra Race Meeting.
FENCING—Monday—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 5.45 p.m.
BOXING—Wednesday—Army Individual Championship, City Hall.
ATHLETICS—March 15 and 16—Hong Kong v. Canton Universities.

HOME.

FOOTBALL—To-morrow—First Round of Scottish Cup.
January 22—English Cup—Fourth Round.
RUGBY FOOTBALL—To-morrow—England v. Wales, Twickenham.
January 24—Scotland v. France, Paris.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE BEAT C.B.S.

"Hat Trick" Recorded in Afternoon.

QUEEN'S BIG TOTAL.

In an all-day match at the K.C.C. yesterday Queen's College defeated the Central British School by 131 runs.

Taking first use of a splendid wicket Queen's received a good start from the Hunt brothers, but after their dismissal three wickets fell in rapid succession. A timely stand between Griffiths (46) and Abbas (24) retrieved the fortunes of the side, the innings eventually coming to a close at the luncheon interval with 172 runs on the board.

Sharpham bowled very well at times took 4 wickets for 61 runs, and Dinnen took 4 for 63.

Confronted with this formidable total the C.B.S. collapsed in a very startling manner and were dismissed for 41 runs. Only Sharpham was able to resist the bowling of Esmail (3 for 9) and Tsui Yan-pui (3 for 4) and scored 20 runs in a gallant effort to pull the side together. Tsui Yan-pui took the "hat trick" in the course of the innings.

Queen's College.	
A. Hunt, b Dinnen	24
D. Hunt, b Dinnen	21
A. R. H. Esmail, c Bird, b Dinnen	9
A. R. Suffad, c Dalziel, b Sharpham	2
M. el Arculli, b Sharpham	2
R. J. Griffiths, run out	46
C. E. Abbas, c Wood, b Dinnen	24
K. Nazarin, run out	17
A. K. Suffad, c Phillips, b Sharpham	5
O. el Arculli, not out	13
Tsui Yan-pui, c Sharpham, b Dinnen	6
Extras	3
Total	172

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dinnen	24	0	63	4
Sharpham	13	0	61	4
Wood	7	1	28	0
C. Dalziel	3	0	17	0

Central British School.

A. Dinnen, c O. el Arculli, b	
A. R. H. Esmail	1
A. Dalziel, b A. R. H. Esmail	1
J. Sharpham, c A. K. Suffad, b	20
Tsui Yan-pui, c A. R. H. Esmail	0
R. Wood, c and b A. R. H. Esmail	0
R. Blyth, run out	0
S. Fowler, c O. el Arculli, b D.	0
P. Smith, c Tsui Yan-pui, b K. Nazarin	6
C. Dalziel, b Tsui Yan-pui	0
D. W. Gregory, c Mr. Griffiths, b	1
Tsui Yan-pui	3
R. Bird, b Nazarin	5
R. Phillips, not out	0
Extras	0
Total	41

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
M. el Arculli	3	2	5	0
A. R. H. Esmail	3	1	9	3
C. E. Abbas	1	1	12	0
D. Hunt	2	1	5	1
Tsui Yan-pui	2	1	4	3
K. Nazarin	1.3	0	6	2

SELECTED ELEVEN'S FOR TO-MORROW.

The following have been selected to represent the K.C.C. against the Civil Service Cricket Club in to-morrow's League games.

1st XI. at Happy Valley:—

J. C. Lyle, E. C. Fincher, E. F. Mincher, F. Goodwin, W. Brace, W. C. Hung, F. Zimmerman, F. E. Lawrence, G. C. Burnett, N. A. E. Mackay and R. A. Carroll.

2nd XI. at Kowloon:—

R. E. Lindsell, G. Lee, H. Overy, G. A. V. Hall, F. E. Skinner, F. S. W. Smith, S. Jex, A. A. Dand, A. R. F. Raven, D. W. Gregory and R. G. F. Mead.

Recreio Team.

The following will represent the Recrio in a League match against the Craigengower to-morrow at Happy Valley:—

L. J. Gutierrez, H. A. Alves, H. M. Xavier, C. M. Sousa, J. H. Figueiredo, L. J. Silva, G. A. Gutierrez, A. P. Pereira, H. A. Barros, F. J. Remedios and F. H. Carvalho.

H.K.C.C. Teams.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club in friendly matches to-morrow.

1st XI. v. I.R.C. at Sookumpoo:—

T. E. Pearce, E. J. R. Mitchell, A. C. Beck, A. Read, E. R. Duckitt, H. F. Green, O. E. C. Marton, G. E. More and Riggs.

2nd XI. v. I.R.C. on H.K.C.C. ground:—

H. J. Armstrong, P. W. J. Planner, C. D. Wright, R. H. Wild, J. D. A. Hutchison, J. R. Way, R. R. Davies, E. C. Gahagan, R. S. W. Paterson, E. C. Etherington and R. M. Airey.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

SECOND INTERPORT TRIAL GAME.

A second Interport Trial game will take place to-morrow at 4.15 p.m. The teams selected are as follows:—

Club Colours:—J. P. Whitham; J. J. Ferguson, E. R. Allera, R. H. Griffiths, G. R. More, M. W. Turner, J. W. King, D. L. Milne-Day, W. F. Peers, W. F. Leckie, E. R. West, F. R. Burch, E. B. Gammell, E. F. Buttress and E. P. Massey (captain).
Rest:—L/Cpl. Frankham (Army); Lt. Douglas (Army); Lt. Hamilton (Army); G. A. L. Plummer (Club); G. P. Lammert (Club); L/Cpl. Rees (Army); Lt. Charaloff (Navy); L/Cpl. East (Army); E. R. Cox (Club); P/O. Bonmahm (Navy); W. Hartley (Club); Surg. Lt. Nicholson (Navy) (captain); Hubbock (Navy); J. B. Atkinson (Club) and Eng. A. Wilkinson (Navy).
The Rest will play in red and white jerseys which will be obtainable at the ground.

A BRITON TO STAND UP TO CARNERA

SCOT OR IRISHMAN

SPLENDID YOUNG GIANTS WHO NEED ONLY RIGHT SORT OF TRAINING.

BRITISH STOCK GOOD

(By Clyde Foster.)

In the wake of the latest big "fight" sportsmen are asking whether there is any use going on with heavyweight boxing in this country, so far as challenging the rest of the world is concerned. It may well appear to some minds that British prestige has been completely lost.

We have suffered defeat from American boxers with such persistence for the last twenty-five years or more, that I could not but pardon the pessimism of a correspondent who expresses the opinion that we must rest content hereafter to "fight among ourselves."

However much there may be said for these gloomy forebodings, I should like to shake my own mind free of them, as being altogether un-British and distasteful. That we have struck a lean period, and a long one, cannot be denied, but I nevertheless hold tenaciously to the belief that the British stock is as good as ever, and that we have got the men, we've got the money too, and all that is needed is to bring our potential heavyweights into training.

No Carneras.

If you ask me where the men are to be found, I should make it clear in the first place that I cannot hope to unearth a second Primo Carnera. Even the vast and miscellaneous population of America has not yet furnished a man to stop the Italian conqueror. Carnera, it must be admitted, is one of the boxing giants of all time.

That a comparatively small country like Italy, where boxing has never been a national pastime, as with America and Great Britain, should have produced this phenomenal man can only be dismissed as one of the physical wonders of the world.

Fame in a Night.

What sort of men, therefore, can we hope to find who might avert defeat in the ring with Carnera? It would be an achievement to fight a draw with him. Suppose Reggie Meen, the Leicestershire shoe operative, had accomplished this at the Albert Hall, the filip to his fame would have been incalculable.

His name would have been passed from lip to lip over the entire American continent. Meen says he still believes he could knock Carnera down. I wish I could believe that too, but I am afraid that before such a thing happens Reggie Meen must go through a very thorough course of training.

Youth Required.

In the making of a great boxer it is necessary that he should be taken young; brought up to the business as his entire calling in life. Carnera has used his fists from his boyhood—not in the recognised orthodox boxing ring, but with a travelling booth, as did young Stribling, his courageous challenger, and so many other heavyweights, including even our own ex-champion, Joe Beckett.

An Oxford professor, a Scotsman to boot, who is keenly exercised on this question of Britain's prestige in boxing, propounded to me the interesting theory, as a firm belief of his own, that there were young men among the mountains and vales of Scotland, beyond the Tay and Spey, of such splendid physical proportions that they opened up a rare field of exploitation for heavyweights.

Ideal Men.

The professor cited instances that had come under his own observation of young giants with frames as rugged as their own rocks and moun-

tains whose attention had never yet been turned towards boxing while they remained content to wrestle with each other and toss the ponderous and roughly-trimmed pine trunk, called the caber, at their Highland games, earning little more than local fame.

I was reminded of the great Donald Dinnie, who may be regarded as the perfect type of the young Highland man the professor had in mind, writes Clyde Foster in The Evening Standard. I fancy that even Primo Carnera would have found in the counterpart of Donald Dinnie a man as strong as himself and of even harder frame, although lacking Carnera's great height.

Irish Physique.

A leading London physiologist assures me that the quest of the British heavyweight "hope" could also be turned with advantage to some of the scantily-populated parts of Ireland. Here, he says, are to be found the finest physical specimens of young manhood in the world whose diet, he incidentally mentions, is of the plainest description, such as coarse bread, potatoes, herring and an occasional rasher of bacon.

Looking back, and not too far back, I find that the world's greatest heavyweight boxers were American-Irishmen. I need only name John L. Sullivan, the "Boston Slogger" as he was called, and James J. Corbett, who took the championship of the world from Sullivan. I have also a suspicion that Dempsey's conqueror, Gene Tunney, boasts Irish blood in his veins—as well he might with a name like Tunney.

Greatest Heavyweight.

Frank Moran, the Pittsburgh dentist, who fought several times in London recently, was so Irish that he seemed almost to have inherited the accent of his race, though he had never lived among them. And perhaps greater than these Irish heavyweights, perhaps the greatest the world ever knew, Robert Fitzsimmons, was a Cornish man born and bred. The classic fight of modern times is that between Corbett and Fitzsimmons at Carson City, when the indomitable Cornishman wrested the championship of the world from the greatest boxer that ever wore the gloves.

Dream Fight.

What, you ask, would Fitzsimmons have done in the ring against Carnera? The question is unanswerable, but I would hazard the supposition that he would have given Carnera more trouble than any man the Italian has ever met. Fitzsimmons held the two-fold title of middleweight and heavyweight. I met him often in London and on my desk lies a horseshoe which the one-time blacksmith specially forged for me at a smithy near Russell Square.

Supreme Courage.

I shall always think of Fitzsimmons as a man of supreme courage and as the British boxer of the past whose spirit it would be well for present-day boxers to emulate. Fitzsimmons was a real fighter. Carnera would have struck no terror into this lion-hearted man. Not long before his death Fitz sent me a Christmas card showing him swimming in the sea near Los Angeles with his pet two-year-old lion.

So now, enterprising promoters, whoever you are, set about this search for young and promising material in the heavyweight department of boxing. The

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INWARD MAILS

From	Per	
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16.		
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, Dec. 27, 1930) and Europe via Siberia (London, Dec. 27, 1930)	President Jackson	
Java and Manila	Tjisalak	
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers, London, Dec. 18, 1930 and Parcels, Dec. 11, 1930)	Kashgar	
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18.		
Shanghai and Swatow	Sinkiang	
Amoy	Talamba	
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjikarang	
MONDAY, JANUARY 19.		
Manila	President Pierce	
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20.		
Calcutta and Straits	Kum Sang	
Japan and Shanghai	General Metzinger	
Straits	Cremer	
Batavia	Tjibadak	
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21.		
Japan	Kamo Maru	
FRIDAY, JANUARY 23.		
Straits	Hakone Maru	
Japan and Shanghai	Katori Maru	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24.		
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Dec. 26, 1930)	President Johnson	

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16.		
Samshui & Wuchow	Tai Ming	4 p.m.
Formosa	Tai Shan	4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Talma	5 p.m.
Japan	Kashgar	5 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Kashgar	
	Registration Jan. 16, 5 p.m.	
	Letters Jan. 16, 6 p.m.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Kashmir	
	(Due Marseilles, Feb. 14.)	
K.P.O.		
Parcels Jan. 16, 4.30 p.m.	Parcels Jan. 16, 5 p.m.	
Registration Jan. 17, 9 a.m.	Registration Jan. 17, 9.45 a.m.	
Letters Jan. 17, 10 a.m.	Letters Jan. 17, 10.30 a.m.	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17.		
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	King Yuan	10 a.m.
Fort Bayard	Tai Poo Sek	11.30 a.m.
Manila	President Jackson	4.30 p.m.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18.		
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwangchow	9 a.m.
Sandakan	Mau Sang	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	9 a.m.
MONDAY, JANUARY 19.		
Straits and Calcutta	Ho Sang	
	Parcels Jan. 19, Noon.	
	Letters Jan. 19, 1 p.m.	
	Hydrangea Jan. 19, 3 p.m.	
Swatow	President Pierce	
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.	(Due Victoria, B.C., Feb. 6.)	
	Parcels Jan. 19, 3 p.m.	
	Registration Jan. 19, 4.15 p.m.	
	Letters Jan. 19, 5 p.m.	
	Hupei Jan. 19, 3.30 p.m.	
	Shinyo Maru Jan. 19, 5 p.m.	
	President Pierce	
	Registration Jan. 19, 5 p.m.	
	Letters Jan. 19, 6 p.m.	
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	Tai Ping	
	(Due Thursday Island, Jan. 31.)	
	Parcels Jan. 19, 5 p.m.	
	Registration Jan. 20, 9.45 a.m.	
	Letters Jan. 20, 10.30 a.m.	
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20.		
Manila & Java via Sourabaya	Tjikarang	9.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Talamba	
	Parcels Jan. 20, Noon.	
	Letters Jan. 20, 1 p.m.	
	Hai Yang Jan. 20, 1.30 p.m.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Tonkin	
Fort Bayard, Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong		
Salgon, *Straits, *Ceylon, *India, *Mauritius, *E. and *S. Africa, Aden, *Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles	General Metzinger	
	(Due Marseilles, Feb. 20.)	
K.P.O.		
Registration Jan. 20, 1 p.m.	Registration Jan. 20, 1.45 p.m.	
Letters Jan. 20, 1 p.m.	Letters Jan. 20, 2.30 p.m.	
Swatow	Kwato Maru	3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Sarpedon	
	(Due Marseilles, Feb. 18.)	
K.P.O.		
Registration Jan. 20, 4.30 p.m.	Registration Jan. 20, 5 p.m.	
Letters Jan. 20, 4.30 p.m.	Letters Jan. 20, 6 p.m.	
Swatow and Amoy	Cremer	5 p.m.
Swatow	Kwai Sang	5 p.m.

*Superscribed - correspondence only.

INDIAN HOCKEY TEAM.

To Compete in Olympic Games in 1932.

WORLD'S CHAMPIONS.

The decision of the Indian Hockey Federation to defend the country's hockey title at the Olympic Games next year will be welcomed throughout the country.

India takes great pride in her world supremacy in the game, and it would have been a matter of regret had the championship been allowed to go by default. Our special representative at Delhi has given an outline of the difficulties the Federation had to contend with in coming to a decision on the question of the Los Angeles trip and the tour in Great Britain in the same summer season.

Financial considerations were foremost, but it is satisfactory to know that the Federation has worked out ways and means. The next step is to ensure that a team representative of the best players in the country will be chosen, and for this purpose it is essential that the Olympic trials be held in Delhi in February should be as comprehensive as possible.

The selectors' difficulty should be one, not of paucity of material, but of wealth. It is generally acknowledged that the last team which represented India, while it contained picked material, was no better than any of half a dozen club teams in various centres.

If the country could be combed for talent, and an adequate selection made, India should have a team without an equal in the world.—Allahabad Pioneer.

There are some who would have liked to see me retire altogether from the ring for the sake of the title. Not on your life. Why should I? I've done more for heavy-weight boxing for this country than anybody else. As to my last fight, it would never have had the result it did if I'd had my way. I wanted to stand out for extra time, but box office interests got to work and I was sent into the ring.—Phil Scott.

CONCESSION LOST.

BELGIUM HANDS OVER PART OF TIENSIN.

Tientsin, Yesterday. The Belgian Concession here was formally handed over to China this morning. Illness prevented the Belgian Minister M. De Warzee, from attending, and his place was taken by the Consul General M. Snyers, who expressed his pleasure in giving effect to the retrocessions in the presence of Mr. C. T. Wang, who had been closely associated with the negotiations. Tsang Chi-fang, the Mayor of Tientsin, took over control of the Concession in the name of the Chinese Government, felicitating those concerned upon the successful outcome of their negotiations. Earlier, representatives of the Belgian Legation and Chinese Foreign Office exchanged ratifications of the rendition agreement.—Reuter.

NEW DRY DOCK.

GOVERNMENT AID FOR SOUTHAMPTON SCHEME.

Rugby, Yesterday. The development committee formed for purposes of the Government grant-in-aid scheme has approved an estimate of £3,000,000 to be expended by the Southern Railway Company on an extension of the existing docks at Southampton. Details have not been disclosed of the expenditure on a proposed new dry dock at that port, for accommodating the giant Cunard liners now being built, but it is understood that the cost will be in the neighbourhood of £2,000,000. This new graving dock is expected to be ready by the end of 1933, when the first of the two big ships is due to be fitted out for her first Atlantic trip.—British Wireless Service.

MINIATURE GOLF FOR INDIA.

Sporting Maharajah of Mysore.

FIRST OF MANY COURSES.

The craze for miniature golf has reached India, and is to be introduced into the State of Mysore.

The Maharajah is fond of all games. He is a golfer, and has asked his trade commissioner in London, Mr. B. T. Kesavalanagar, to forward a report and plans of miniature putting courses in and around London.

Midget, miniature, Tom Thumb, or Lilliput golf of the American type is not wanted. The Maharajah's sporting ideas and instincts are wholly British.

He has three palaces at Mysore, one of which is reserved for the use of his visiting guests, who are numerous.

Real Golf.

If they are golfers they may play a round on his private course, but he would build a miniature course for those who prefer easy amusements to taking such exercise as a full round of golf would entail. Mr. Kesavalanagar and Mr. Krumbiegel, State Director of Horticulture, have visited Reading with a view to securing from Messrs. Sutton a set of working plans.

The Maharajah may make putting courses not only at Mysore, but at his seasonal palaces at Bangalore and Ootacamund.

Others Will Follow.

"I do not know what will happen in Mysore as the outcome of this movement," said Mr. Kesavalanagar to a reporter "but it is likely that other clubs at Mysore and Bangalore may follow the example and put down miniature golf courses."

"Miniature golf seems to me a fine game for Indian women, who are not members of any clubs, but go to clubs while their husbands play games."

"Some of the women play tennis, but not many. At present their emancipation is rather newly acquired and they are shy and timid, but miniature golf is likely to appeal to them."

Best in Country.

The Mysore representatives afterwards visited the miniature nine-hole pitching and putting course at Windesham Moor, the home of Mr. William Clark. This is the best miniature course in the country.

The course covers just over an acre of ground. The holes vary from 25 to 55 yards. At five paces club other than a putter may be used from the tee, and a masher niblick is used at the other four.

There are bunkers ahead, bunkers on the left, bunkers on the right, slopes up which the ball must climb, downward slopes, and the fairway is flanked by heather and other floral hazards. There is always a real golf shot on, as distinct from juggling.

The course was designed by Mr. Thomas Simpson, the golf architect.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY AT FANLING.

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club notifies the following starting time for Sunday at Fanling:

9.04 a.m.	N. A. Taplin, P. S. Grant.
9.08	C. B. Riggs, J. B. Lanyon.
9.12-9.16	Not to be booked.
9.20 a.m.	A. Sommerfeldt, B. D. Evans.
9.24	W. Fleming, J. G. Campbell.
9.28	P. Tod, E. Grimble.
9.32	S. J. H. Fox, W. Kerr.
9.36	J. J. French, D. F. C. Cleland.
9.40	P. W. Parker, F. D. Tracy.
9.44	R. A. Stuart, S. S. Perry.
9.48	F. Ellis, D. J. Gilmore.
9.52	R. K. Valentine, H. A. Lamont.
9.56	E. Davidson, G. Hegarty.
10.00	A. D. Humphreys, O. Eager.
10.04	E. Stone, C. P. Ross.
10.08	D. S. Robb, W. S. Hillier.
10.12	R. A. Campbell, J. D. Thomson.
10.16	R. Young, A. Ritchie.
10.20	A. Wolfe, C. M. Roberts.
10.24	T. Low, N. K. Littlejohn.
10.28	A. H. Ferguson, C. E. Holmes.
10.32	G. S. Dodwell, J. Stuart.
10.36	G. G. Johnston, A. W. Hay.
10.40	C. W. Jeffries, A. O. Brown.
10.44	S. C. Feltham, D. J. Keogh.
10.48	H. T. Buxton, D. E. Ellis.
10.52	E. Kern, B. J. Lacom.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—
Bank, wire 11½
Bank, on demand 11½
Bank, 4 months' sight 11½
Credits, 4 months' sight 1- 1/16

Documentary, 4 months' sight 1- 1/16
On Paris—
On demand 585
Credits, 4 months' sight 625

On New York—
On demand 23
Credits, 60 days' sight 24½

On Bombay—
Wire 64
On demand 64

On Calcutta—
Wire 64
On demand 64

On Singapore—
On demand 41
On Manila—
On demand 46½

On Shanghai—
On demand Tls. 74
Dollar 2% dis.

On Yokohama—
On demand 40½
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 1-
Silver (per oz.) 18 11/16

Bar Silver in Hong Kong—
Kong 3% prem.
Copper Cash 3% prem.
Copper Cents 3% prem.

Rate of Native Interest—
Chinese Sub. Coin 3½% p.a.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Paris	Rugby, Yesterday.
New York	123.85½
Brussels	34.83½
Geneva	25.07½
Amsterdam	42.06½
Milan	92.74½
Berlin	20.43
Stockholm	18.13½
Copenhagen	18.16½
Oslo	18.18½
Vienna	34.52½
Frague	164
Helsingfors	192½
Madrid	47.85
Lisbon	108.25
Athens	375
Bucharest	818
Rio	4½
Buenos Aires	34½
Montevideo	38½
Bombay	1/5 3/4
Shanghai	1/3 3/4
Hong Kong	1½
Yokohama	2- 15/32
Silver Spot	13 5/16
Silver, Forward	13 7/16

—British Wireless Service.

10.53	J. P. Sherry, W. A. Cornell.
11.00	A. B. Furze, J. M. Walker.
11.04	A. C. Meredith, J. H. Raikes.
11.08	A. F. Judd, W. J. Clerk.
11.12	A. Piercy, H. Spicer.
11.16	G. H. Wilson, Major Roche-Kelly.
11.20	A. C. Leach, H. U. Ireland.
11.24	A. C. I. Bowker, H. G. Mills.
11.28	D. M. Goodall, T. J. Price.
11.32	T. S. Whyte-Smith, C. B. Maturin.
11.36	E. Mitchell, J. R. Masson.
11.40	T. S. Marshall, J. D. H. Crawford.
11.44	D. S. Edward, K. K. Rouns.
11.48	S. A. Seth, J. S. Dykes.
11.52	J. A. Selby, D. Forbes.
11.56	G. E. Costello, H. Hampton.
12.00	J. Thayer, R. K. Hepburn.
12.04 p.m.	L. R. Andrews, C. H. Burton.
12.08	V. B. Gordon, E. M. Bryden.
12.12	C. B. Brown, G. E. Ellams.
12.16	C. E. Johnson, A. B. Raworth.
12.20	A. G. Coppin, E. des Voeux.
12.24	G. T. May, C. H. M. Andrew.

HAPPY VALLEY GOLF.

The January qualifying round for the Adamson Cup resulted in a score of 82-18=64.

Other scores were—
A. Brookbank 90-18=72
H. Edmonds 85-12=73
H. Mondy 89-12=74

For many years now I have been advocating national coaching schemes in British sport; not only lawn tennis, but football, swimming, and all other branches of sport in which our amateurs are falling behind foreign rivals.—W. Capel-Kirby.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations 16th Jan. 1931.

STOCK	Buy- ers	Sell- ers	Sales	Norm.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	\$ 2010	...	...	...	Dec.	{Interim 43 s/c 1930 or 17 1/2—\$48.45} Aug. 11, 30
Chartered Bank	...	...	16 1/2	Dec.	Interim 77 s/c 1930	Sep. — 30
Mercantile Bk., A.B.	...	...	28	Dec.	{Interim 20 s/c 1930 or 8 1/2—\$48.45} Sep. — 30	
Bank of Asia	\$ 115	...	...	Dec.	{Interim 1330 s/c 1930 or 53 for 1929} Feb. 23, 30	
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	\$	...	1300	Dec.	{Final \$27 for 1929 Interim 813 s/c 1930} May 16, 30	
Union Ins.	\$ 595	(600)(105)	...	Dec.	{Final 160 for 1929 Interim 24 s/c 1930} May 30, 30	
*China Underwriters....	\$ 310	3.20	3.15	...	Dec.	None
China Fire Ins.	\$ 475	...	...	Dec.	{Final \$9 bonus \$0 for 1929 Interim 83 s/c 1930} May 30, 30	
H. K. Fire Ins.	\$	...	1300	Dec.	{for 1929 \$47 for 1929} Mar. 30, 30	
Shipping.						
Douglases	\$	...	28 1/2	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929.....	...
H. K. Steamboats	\$	...	31	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1929	Mar. 4, 30
Indo-China (Freight)	\$	...	45	Dec.	{122 s/c 2 1/2 on preferred for 1929 and 1930}	June 19, 29
(Def.)	\$	...	47	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929.....	...
Shell Transport	\$	...	74 1/4	Dec.	{Interim 27 Coupon No. 47 Interim 17 s/c 1930}	Pending
Union Waterboats	\$	39	...	Dec.	\$1.00 for 1929	Mar. 10, 30
Mining.						
Benguet	\$ 11	...	...	Dec.	{Final 40 centavo making Pao 1.20 for 1930}	Dec. 20, 30
Kailan Mining Ad. s/c	\$	...	307	June	{Final 4% free 1/2 Tax Upon 19 making 7% for year 30-3-30}	Dec. 20, 30
Langkat	\$	...	88	Oct.	T. 0.50 for year 31-10-29	May 8, 30
S'hai Exploration	\$	...	28	Dec.	None	...
*Loans	\$ 6 1/2	...	...	Dec.	Interim T. 0.25 s/c 1930	July 1, 30
*Rauhe	\$	40 1/2	...	Mar.	{Second Int. 1 1/2 4% year 31-3-31}	Dec. 18, 30
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & K. Wharves	\$	172	...	Dec.	\$9 for 1929	Mar. 18, 30
H. K. & W. Docks	\$ 301	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929.....	...
South Ch. Motors	\$	...	10	...	...	...
*China Provident (old)	\$ 5.40	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929.....	...
(new)	\$ 2.05	...	...	Dec.	Interim T. 3 s/c 1930	Sep. 12, 30
Hongkong	\$	...	384	Dec.	T. 0.50 for 1929.....	Dec. 15, 30
N. Engineering	\$	...	61	Apr.	T. 7 for year 30-3-30	July 30, 30
Shanghai Docks	\$	...	116	...	...	...
Land, Hotels & Buildings.						
*H. K. & S. Hotels	\$ 12.40	12.60	(121/80)	Dec.	30 cents for 1929	Apr. 7, 30
H.K. Lands (old)	\$ 83 1/2	83	83	...	...	...
(new A)	\$	83	...	Dec.	Interim \$2 s/c 1930	Aug. 8, 30
(new B)	\$	...	32 1/2	Dec.	Interim T. 3 s/c 1930	July 31, 30
Shanghai Lands	\$ 360	...	...	Dec.	80 cents for 1929	May 7, 30
Humphreys (Cum Ru.)	\$	...	17 1/2	Dec.	30 cents for 1929	Sep. 4, 30
H. K. Realities	\$ 9.30	9.15	...	Dec.	Interim 30 cents s/c 1930	July 31, 30
Chinese Estates	\$	...	87	Feb.	\$3 for year 29-3-30	...
Cotton Mills.						
*Ewo Cotton	\$ 14	14 1/2	(14/30)	Dec.	{Final T. 2 s/c 1929 T. 2-25 for half year 31-10-30}	Mar. 17, 30
Shanghai Cotton	\$ 90 1/2	...	...	(Apr. and Oct.)	T. 0.50 for year 30-3-30	Nov. 30, 30
Zoong Sings	\$ 10	...	...	June	T. 0.50 for year 30-3-30	Oct. 11, 30
Public Utilities.						
*H. K. Tramways	\$	18	...	Dec.	Interim 40 cents s/c 1930	Aug. 27, 30
Peak Trams (old)	\$	...	14 1/2	Apr.	{50 cts. on old for 40 cts. on new} 20-3-30	June 15, 30
(new)	\$ 6 1/2	...	...	Dec.	\$1 for 1929	Feb. 14, 30
Sas Feries	\$ 98 1/2	93	...	Dec.	Final 50 cts. s/c yr. 30-3-30	Dec. 15, 30
*China Light	\$ 25.40	25 1/2	...	Sept.	\$2.50 for 1929	Mar. 12, 3
H. K. Electric	\$ 80 1/2	...	...	Dec.	...	...
Macao	\$	...	33	Dec.	...	...
Sandakan Light	\$ 12	...	...	June	None	...
H.K. Tels. for paid	\$	25	...	Dec.	Int. {50 cents (50 cents) s/c 1930	Aug. 1, 30
China Buses	\$	...	19 1/2	Dec.	T. 0.50 for 1929	Feb. 25, 30
S'pore Traction (Ord.)	\$	...	7/10	Sept.	{1 1/2 on preference shares Subject to Income tax}	Feb. 6, 30
(Pref.)	\$	...	19 1/2	...	...	...
Industrials.						
China Sugars	\$	...	80 cts.	...	In Liquidation.	...
Malacca Sugars	\$	...	97	Dec.	P. 5 for 1929	Apr. 11, 30
Cald: Macg. Ord.	\$	...	10 1/2	Dec.	{T. 0.48 7 months 1929}	Apr. 30, 30
Prof.	\$	...	10.40	...	...	...
Canton Ice	\$	...	3.50	July	...	...
*Cements (com.)	\$ 12 1/2	...	...	Dec.	{30 cents on old for 1929 (30 cents on new)}	Mar. 19, 30
(old)	\$ 12 1/2	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929.....	...
(new)	\$ 13.40	13 1/2	...	...	...	...
H. K. Ropes	\$ 13.40	13 1/2	...	...	...	...
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farm (old)	\$ 25 1/2	...	...	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1929	Mar. 14, 30
(new)	\$	24	...	Oct.	70 cents for year 31-10-30	Mar. 31, 30
Watsons	\$ 12.60	...	...	...	...	...
Der A Wings	\$	...	1	Feb.	Last dividend for year 29-3-30	May 15, 30
Lanc Crawford	\$ 3.90	...	...	...	...	...
Mackintosh	\$	...	19	Feb.	\$2 for year 29-3-30	June 10, 30
Sincere	\$ 18 1/2	...	...	...	...	...
Wm. Powells	\$	...	2.85	Feb.	25 cents for year 29-3-30	...
Miscellaneous.						
H.K. Amuse. (C. R.)	\$	...	28	Mar.	\$2.50 for year 31-3-30	Sept. 27, 30
(Right)	\$	...	4	...	...	...
Ch. Entertainment	\$ 12 1/2	...	...	...	...	...
H. K. Construction	\$ 5.15	...	5.15	Dec.	...	...
B. Ind. O. Bonds	\$	...	70%	...	None	...
H. K. Govt. Loans	\$ 5 1/2	From 7%	...	...	Interest half yearly	...
*Speculative shares. *Sales to Shanghai.						

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"Not So Dumb" now showing in
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an amusing farce of a most delight-
ful kind. The cast includes
Marion Davies, Elliott Nugent, and
Raymond Hackett.

The plot revolves round a week-
end party held by Duley (Marion
Davies), who, in order to assist her
fiance Gordon (Elliott Nugent) to
get a merger with C. Roger Forbes
and Co., artificial jewellery manu-
facturers, invites Mr. Forbes, the
head of the concern, to her country
house for the week-end. Mr. Van
Dyck, reputed to be a billionaire,
also drifts in, as does Mr. Leach, a
scenarist in the motion picture
trade.

The desired merger is not help-
ed any when Mr. Forbes finds his
wife "spooning" with Mr. Van
Dyck in the garden, and things be-
come even more strained when he
discovers that his daughter, Angela,
has eloped with Mr. Leach. In his
anger he tells Gordon that the
merger is off, but Mr. Van Dyck
offers to lend Gordon his millions
to fight Forbes. In the meantime
Angela returns, but not as the wife
of the scenarist—she has changed
her mind and married Duley's bro-
ther, of whom Mr. Forbes is rather
fond.

Mr. Van Dyck turns out to be a
harmless lunatic who has no money
whatever, but Mr. Forbes refuses to
believe this and insists on
Gordon going through with the
merger. He is so overjoyed over
the return of his daughter that he
consents to a merger.
Supporting this picture is a
colour-tone revue, entitled "Pirates,"
also a Newsreel.

"PROTECTION."

Machine gun raids, the bombing
of a newspaper press, a murder,
and a bitter war waged by a
newspaper (the Daily Re-
gister) against the racketeer and
the men who sell him their political
influence, are some of the high
lights of the film "Protection"
which is the feature attraction in
the Star Theatre, Kowloon to-day
and to-morrow.

Robert Elliott is seen as the
Editor; Paul Page as the "star"
reporter; Dorothy Ward, as the re-
portress; and Ben Hewlett as the
racketeer.
Besides the film, there is shown
a scenic, depicting the Plaza,
whilst Stan Laurel and Oliver
Hardy are seen in a comedy entitled
"Berth Marks."

"ONE MAD KISS."

"One Mad Kiss," Fox picture
with Don Jose Mojica, magnetic
young opera tenor, was made in a
real cosmopolitan atmosphere.
Many nationalities are repre-
sented, besides America.

Mojica is a native of Mexico,
born in San Gabriel, near Mexico
City.
Mona Maris, leading lady, was
born in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
She has lived in France, Italy,
Spain, Germany and Britain.

Tom Patricola eccentric dancing
comedian, is from Italy, although
he has lived in America since early
boyhood.
Antonio Moreno was born in
Spain. He, too, has lived in
America for many years.
Marcel Silver, director, is a
native of France.
Alexander Kahle, camera man,
was born in Prussia and served
four years in the German army.
In addition there are scores of
minor players and extras from
virtually every Latin country.
This production will be seen in
the Queen's Theatre on Sunday.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will
be broadcast to-day from the
Hong Kong Broadcasting Station
Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 855
metres:—

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6-6.30 p.m.—Dr. K. S. Shin, M.B.
B.S., Chinese Lecture on Infant
Welfare.

7-10.30 p.m.—European Pro-
gramme of Victor Records.
7-7.15 p.m.—Variety.

Orchestral—
Tip Dance Medley,
Victor Novelty Orchestra
(22223).

Duet—
Whisperwill,
Gene and Glenn (22835).

Cornet Solo—
Carnival of Venice (Benedict),
Del Stainers (22191).

Comedian—
Eddie Cantor's Tips on the Stock
Market ... Eddie Cantor (22189).

7.15-7.30 p.m.—Talkie Hits.
Humorous Song—"King of Jazz",
My Lover (from "King of Jazz"),
Grace Hayes (22358).

Song—
Love (from "The Trespasser"),
Gloria Swanson, Soprano
(22079).

Song—
Blue is the Night
(from "Their Own Desire"),
James Melton, Tenor (22439).

Humorous Song—
Lady Luck
(from "Show of Shows"),
Chick Endor (22459).

7.30-8 p.m.—Band Selections.
High School Cadets' March
(J. P. Sousa).

Sousa's Band (19871).

It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary
(Judge Williams),
Madelon (Bousquet-Robert),
Victory Novelty Band
(22487).

a. Hall to the Orange,
b. Oskee Wow Wow (Green-Hill),
Illinois Loyalty March,
Band (19835).

A Hunting Scene (Bucalossi),
Patrol Comique (Hindley-Lake),
Victor Concert Band (22044).

8-9 p.m.—Concert Items.
Violin Solo—
Romance in F (Beethoven),
Jacques Thibaud (46008).

Song—
Zemire Et Azor (The Warbler),
(Gretzy),
Proch's Air and Variations
(Proch).

Madame Galli-Curci (6784).

Pianoforte Solo—
Prelude in A Flat Major (Chopin),
Prelude in D Flat (Chopin),
Ignace Jan Paderewski
(6847).

Violin Solo—
Nocturne (Tchaikowsky),
Minuet (Haydn-Hartmann),
Renée Chenev (6609).

Song—
Within the Tomb Forgotten
(Beethoven),
Song of the Volga Boatmen
(Chaliapin-Kocernann),
Feodor Chaliapin, Bass
(6822).

Pianoforte Solo—
In the Night (Schumann),
Etude in D Flat (Liszt),
Harold Bauer (6828).

Orchestral—
Schubert's Love Songs
(Schubert-Bente),
Marek Weber's Orchestra
(35630).

9-9.30 p.m.—Professor R. K. M.
Simpson, M.C., M.A., will give
the first of a series of Shakespearean
Talks.

9.30-9.50 p.m.—The Fire Bird,
by Igor Strawinsky.

Introduction—Dance of the Fire Bird,
Dance of the Princess,
Philadelphia Symphony
Orchestra (6774).

Dance of the Princess Concluded—
Dance of the King Kaschei,
Dance of King Kaschei Concluded—
Berceuse (Lullaby),
Philadelphia Symphony
Orchestra (6775).

Perceuse (Lullaby) Concluded—
Finale ... Philadelphia Symphony
Orchestra (6776).

9.50-10 p.m.—Waltzes.
Waltz in A Flat (Brahms),
Minuet in G (Bach),
Andante from "Opus 39" (Gluck),
Prelude in A Major (Chopin),
Victor Orchestra (22172).

Waltzes (Brahms),
Victor Orchestra (22374).

10-10.30 p.m.—Experimental Re-
lay Period.

God Save The King.
10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

A member of the Tainan Fire
Brigade was killed and 17 other
men, including several officials of
the Shantung Provincial Govern-
ment, were injured as a result of
a violent explosion of a quantity
of dynamite in that city, accord-
ing to a telegram to the "Sinwan-
pao." The condition of some of
the injured men was very serious
at the time the telegram was de-
patched.

LECTURE TOURS.

DR. FENNELLY'S VIEWS ON
PSYCHOLOGY.

INDIVIDUAL CURES.

Dr. P. Fennelly, LL.D., in the
City Hall last night, gave the fifth
lecture on practical psychology,
when he spoke on "Psychology of
Health—Why some are ill and
others Well."

Dr. Fennelly pointed out that he
was casting no reflection on the
medical profession, which he de-
scribed as an upright and necessary
profession. Medicine had ceased
to mean what it had meant in
former years. No medicine cured:
the cure had to be done by the in-
dividual.

The speaker spoke on the many
astounding events of the past,
when almost incurable diseases
were healed. He spoke of the many
people who have been possessed
with the amazing capacity of heal-
ing invalided persons, and asked if
we were going to say that the
health of the nation was better to-
day than it was 50 years ago, or
that it was stronger than it was
half a century ago. It was time to
enquire into the situation and say
whether medicine had justified it-
self and added to the strength of
humanity.

No Heart Disease.

Referring to certain diseases and
afflictions, he claimed that there
was no such thing as heart disease.
He denounced the theory that the
heart had to conform to a certain
standard, and pointed out that our
hearts functioned in conformity
with our other organs. A man never
suffered from heart disease until
some physician told him that he
did. Drugs and medicine had now
been relegated to the days of the
past.

Dr. Fennelly attributed the mala-
dies of the present day to the
desire of the patient to dominate
the household or his friends, and
he gave examples of people thus af-
flicted being cured by being reveal-
ed to themselves.

FORGED RECEIPTS.

CHARGES AGAINST TWO

CHINESE.

In a case heard by Mr. E. H.
Williams in the Central Magistracy
yesterday afternoon, in which two
Chinese were charged in respect of
two forged certificates of deposit, it
was alleged that the accused had
promoted an enterprise for the
manufacture of forged deposit re-
ceipts.

The certificates forming the sub-
ject of the charge against the ac-
cused were made out in the name
of Chu Ki-chin and purported to
have been issued by the Equitable
Eastern Banking Corporation for
sums of \$12,000 and \$10,000, respec-
tively.

The facts of the case were large-
ly taken from an alleged confession
made by the second accused.

Both accused denied the charges.
Evidence was given as to the cer-
tificates being presented for pay-
ment at the Equitable Eastern
Banking Corporation, and Mr. F. A.
Howard, cashier of the bank, pro-
duced samples of genuine deposit
receipts for comparison.

The case was adjourned until to-
morrow.

COMPRADORE WINS.

JUDGMENT IN SALARY

ACTION.

Mr. Justice Jackson, in the Sum-
mary Court yesterday, gave judg-
ment in favour of plaintiff, with
costs, in a claim by Lee Ming, a
Chinese compradore, against his
former employers, R. Johnson and
Co., for \$800, two months' salary.
His Lordship held that there had
not been any evidence of gross acts
of neglect or disobedience other-
wise than what had been condoned.
Neither was there any evidence
that the agreement had been ter-
minated by mutual consent.

With regard to a counter-claim
by defendants for \$1,000, which
they alleged represented loss of
business through plaintiff's actions,
His Lordship held that there was
no evidence of any loss or damage.
He gave judgment for plaintiff
with costs.

LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

The following Supplementary
Junior Local Pass List has been
furnished by the Registrar of the
University:—

No. 1188, Gertrude White—Diocesan
Girls' School.

No. 1189, Helen Bogdatsky—French
Convent.

The following candidates who
passed the recent Junior Local
Examination have received distinc-
tion in music:—

No. 782, Clement Long—King's Col-
lege.

No. 1095, Helen Lin—St. Stephen's
Girls' College.

No. 1101, May Ung—St. Stephen's
Girls' College.

No. 1121, Ethel Banker—Diocesan
Girls' School.



Mona Maris and Antonio Moreno appearing with Don Jose Mojica in "One Mad Kiss" showing at the Queen's from Sunday.

TALKIE TALKS

by
Diana

"One Mad Kiss" at the Queen's Theatre introduces another musical romance with a star new to us all, Don Jose Mojica. You can guess what kind of a plot comes with such a title. Dashing singing bandit with a price on his head, who loves madly a lovely Senorita who dances in a cafe. So does the local Dictator, who longs to capture the Mexican Robin Hood. The fearless Don Jose kidnaps the girl, is captured, and marched before a firing squad. Is he saved? Well, go to the Queen's and be thrilled. Antonio Moreno is good, and Mona Maris, who captured our hearts in her first picture with Warner Baxter, is the fair heroine. Little Mona was born in Buenos Aires of wealthy parents. She had the benefit of an excellent education and speaks many languages fluently. Is not married, lives alone in Hollywood, and is making a nice fortune in pictures, thank you.

R.K.O., which gave us "Rio Rita," send us a good picture in "The Delightful Rogue" at the Central. Rod La Rocque gives a superb performance as the Pirate, Lastra. Incidentally we have been waiting for years for the heroine in a story to give the hero the go-by and marry the villain, and in this story she does so. I can guarantee she will not be bored with her choice. Rita le Roy is R.K.O.'s special beauty. This little girl has known great poverty (this is not Press stuff; it is truth), which means friendliness, loneliness, and misery. Perhaps it has made a greater artist of her, but great artists have come from tastefully decorated boudoirs like Ruth Chatterton; she is no less than a great artist, too. The Garbo, the Duse, all have known poverty and failure but have surmounted these cruel handicaps and given the world the benefit of their art.

I think you will like this film.

"Not So Dumb," with Marion Davies, which I remember Constance Talmadge doing as "Dulcy." She is rather an exasperating sort of person who pulls Pollyanna stunts and meddles in everybody's business. Marion Davies, one of the Queens of comedy, does her best with the part. The support, especially Donald Stewart as the writing humorist, is good, but I do not personally think this play will add to the favourable impression made by Miss Davies in her other Talkies. The Queen's, though, is adding perfectly exquisite "Shorts" to help out this rather weak picture.

I saw parts of "Mamba" taken. Tiffany borrowed a corner of the Universal lot. Ralph Forbes, Eleanor Boardman, and Jean Hersholt are in this Technicolor film. Well, as the advertisements tell us, "It is a beautiful romance, a powerful drama," so we will leave it to you. Enjoy a good dinner, take the newest "Sweetie," and a rug to put round your feet in these cold theatres—and perhaps you will enjoy it.

I have never in the course of my life heard anything more wonderful than Dame Clara Butt. How modest are the advertisements. "One of the golden voices of the world," Dame Clara Butt has "THE" golden voice. There will not be a repetition in this century. I retain memories of this wonderful personage I would never forget, and I am talking of her in the height of her fame—25 years ago. Those vast crowds at the Queen's Hall, Albert Hall, Crystal Palace. Rightly she was crowned the Queen of Ballad Singers, the woman with the voice that touched our hearts. A dollar at a shilling, we are fortunate that we are to pay the paltry sum of six shillings in reserved seats for the privilege of hearing the famous contralto. In the old days I have stood for hours in a queue and then paid half a crown in the highest seat in the gallery. Hong Kong is honoured by the visit. A thousand welcomes to you Dame Clara. Mrs. Kennerly Rumford, mother of three, one of whom gave his life for King and Country. Thank you for coming all this way to let us again be thrilled with that golden God-given gift.

"The Vagabond King" was a super-picture, but I am still not a lover of colour photography, and there was something wrong with the recording of Dennis King's singing voice. It sounded as though he were behind a curtain, and I can assure you it was not like that in America. Luckily the speaking voices recorded perfectly. What diction! O. P. Heggie unquestionably stole the acting honours. Jeanette MacDonald's photographs, well, and sang her

numbers delightfully. Lillian Roth excellent. Dennis King has not made another picture; he prefers the stage, and Broadway's gain is the world's loss, because he is well worth seeing and hearing.

"Blushing Brides" is all I thought it would be—and more. Joan Crawford, you have my heart at your beautiful feet. Humour, pathos and magnificent settings (hats off to the Art Director). Direction by Harry Beaumont above criticism, and what is most important, they have learned, at last, the value of introducing music at the right time and in the right place. What clever dialogue, especially between Miss Crawford and Mr. Montgomery. Were you not entranced with the gowns? Wasn't it worth while just to see that Mannequin Parade with its artistic background?

Joan, who sticks to the straight and narrow path, and holds out for the wedding ring, was exquisite, but she did not overshadow any one else in the cast. Anita Page, never so good as in this, was wistfully appealing. Dorothy Sebastian, flippant and delightful, so also were John Miljan and Albert Conti. Robert Montgomery? One word—outstanding. With Lewis Ayres and Jack Oakie this young man has climbed the ladder of fame quicker than any one has, and after finishing with the Garbo in "Inspiration" will be starred. When I heard those last words of Lon Chaney's, "Good bye, I will send you a post-card," I felt choked up. It was the good-bye to us all from a man whose voice will not again be heard. Loved and respected by all. His name and his art will be remembered along with Charles Chaplin. They are the greatest the screen will ever know. A great actor, a noble character. We will not easily forget "The Unholy Three."

The News-Reel comes into its own. There are many people like I am, who leave the theatres with the fullest satisfaction when there is a News Reel, and are keenly disappointed when we are only given some inferior comedy. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is a sure-fire hit. The most photographed young man in the world. We admired him in the Movies, but so much more satisfactory to hear his speeches now. Across its silver screen passes everybody worth while, well most everybody in the day's news. Once upon a time this part of the programme was looked upon as a filler-in. Not so now. In many of the large cities in America there are small theatres open all day and half the night, where only this feature is shown, and, believe me, they are crowded at all times. They run a show of fifty minutes, check full of the world's leading events. And don't the camera men take risks too? Eruptions, typhoons, all the real thing; life in danger or not, the REEL comes first.

Hollywood Gossip.
Charles Chaplin's "City Lights" was to open a brand new two million dollar theatre in Los Angeles, and prices were hovering around ten dollars for the first night.

Colleen Moore and Alma Rubens have both "flopped," their shows shut down in a few weeks. No Broadway for Colleen.

The new play for Maurice Chevalier, called "The Cavalier of the Streets," will be written by an Armenian gentleman named Michael Arlen, he who is generally credited with putting Mayfair on the map.

Dolores Costello has decided that the new baby, husband, and the hearth are all sufficient. No more pictures.
Basil Rathbone back on Broadway.
A letter that caused the final parting. "Dear Gloria, I have been thinking this matter over, and I am sorry to tell you, even though I am going to stay here for an indefinite period, I will not come back to live at home, as you have asked. This decision on my part is final—Henry." Forward the lovely Constance Bennett, Beauty, fame, millions, and now her cherished ambition—a title.
At last the wedding bells for Charles Farrell and Virginia Valli. She went to New York to try for stage work, pined for each other, decided on the long-distance telephone that they could not live without each other, and now throw the rice and old shoes at them and wish them long life and happiness. I am glad to see that Helen Twelvetrees is named by the critics as the most promising personality of the previous year. The most sensational newcomer is Marlene Dietrich, and the biggest single hit of the year Dorothy Mackall is

"The Office Wife." Ruth Chatterton and Greta Garbo praised for 100 per cent. in all performances. William Powell, Novarro and Warner Baxter ditto. There will be one musical comedy that will knock us all silly. Lawrence Tibbett with Grace Moore (both of the Metropolitan Opera House) in "The New Moon."

Walter Huston comes first amongst the men for versatility, and the producer of "Abraham Lincoln," D. W. Griffith, receives the palm for the most successful come-back in the history of the film.

Joan Crawford is going to be a sensation in "Within the Law." Marvellous—Musical films no more popular. Strong drama and good laughs. Hand them to us every time.

U.S. IN A DILEMMA.

NATIONAL OBLIGATIONS AND ISOLATION.
RELATIONS WITH SOVIET.

Washington.—The year 1930 witnessed an increasing struggle on the part of the United States to adjust its policies between the growing demands of international obligations and the traditional policy of isolation.

While domestic issues such as congressional elections, farm relief and prohibition dominated the attention of the nation, yet the forces of business, disarmament and security, thrust themselves upon the Administration with incessant demands for attention. Among these demands of the great European powers some of whose national existence might almost be said to be at stake in such issues as naval rivalry, war debts and tariff, brought delicate and pressing issues to Washington.

The year witnessed two conclusive steps as regards European powers. One of these was settlement of the German debt, last of the wartime obligations to be adjusted. The other was signing of the London Naval Treaty which solved for the moment at least, a acute problem of naval rivalry between the two great English-speaking powers which threatened, according to many observers, to draw them into war.

Fresh Problems.
But the war debt question had scarcely been settled in June when rumblings of a German moratorium or debt postponement began to be heard. Similarly, the London Treaty had not even been ratified before the old inability of Italy and France to adjust their difference was thrust into the foreground and brought a special mission on the part of Ambassador Hugh Gibson to settle this issue, as well as the demands upon United States for compromises at

the Geneva Preparatory Disarmament meeting.

Toward most of these proposals the United States took a negative position. The official attitude toward the United States of Europe was virtually to ignore it although not to oppose it. The government continued to co-operate with the League of Nations Secretariat, but abstained from any moves appearing to approve the League itself.

On the World Court there was no opportunity to determine the position of the U.S. because domestic politics overshadowed President Hoover's announcement that he proposed adherence and prevented him seeking that step through congressional approval.

The U.S. tariff passed in June also thrust scores of new international issues upon the government as protests arrived from 38 nations and as some of them raised their rates in retaliation.

Russian Dumping.
Soviet Russia also became a prominent issue in the United States in 1930 as a result of the industrial depression. Charges were made that it was dumping goods here to the detriment of national industries and that its trade agents were conspiring against the Government. These charges resulted in Government investigations and temporary embargoes, but had reached no conclusive results at the year-end.

There was increased talk of recognition, but at the same time great clamour for complete embargo against Russian agents as well as goods arose.

The question remains open, and like most of the other European issues, seems likely to take an even larger place in American matters during the forthcoming year than it has in the past.

Great interest also centres in the plans of the Democratic party to win the presidential elections in 1932 and the possibility that the nation's foreign policies may be liberalised somewhat in that event.—United Press.

FASCIST SPIES REVEALED.
Paris, Dec. 11.
A far-flung Italian espionage organisation has been unearthed in Southern France, according to a Marseilles report to the newspaper Quotidien, asserting that the discovery followed the arrest of the leader of the local Fascist group, Signor Myeres Victor Dao, in connection with the recent clash between Fascists and anti-Fascists.

It is alleged that when the police officers searched Dao at the station they found military documents, whereupon they raided his house. There they found a bulky correspondence showing Dao to have been the leader of a ring of spies whose ramifications are at present being explored, while Dao has been transferred to Toulon jail.

WATER RETURN.

The level and storage of water in our reservoirs on January 1, 1931, is as under:

City and Hill District.	1930	1931
Tytam	18' 3" B	23' 8" B
Tytam Bywash	19' 5" B	21' 4" B
Tytam Intermediate	9' 7" B	0' 2" B
Tytam Tuk	43' 11" B	17' 1" B
Wong Nei Chung	19' 1" B	17' 8" B
Pokfulum	10' 11" B	17' 1" B

(Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow.")

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

1930	1931
Tytam	295.90
Tytam Bywash	3.03
Tytam Intermediate	192.05
Tytam Tuk	757.42
Wong Nei Chung	10.65
Pokfulum	42.38

Total

1930	1931
Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.	1,487.04

1929	1930
Consumption	210.64
Estimated population	438,580
Consumption per head per day	15.5

December, 1929.—During the whole month a 12 hours supply (6 a.m.—6 p.m.) was given to all Rider Main Districts. Principal Mains closed (6 p.m.—6 a.m.).

December, 1930.—Constant supply throughout the City, Hill and High Level districts during the whole month with the exception of the districts West of Eastern Street where a constant street fountain supply was operated from December 1 to 31, 1930.

Kowloon.

1930	1931
Kowloon Reservoir	0' 2" A
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	9' 11" B
Reception Reservoir	1' 8" B

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

1930	1931
Kowloon Reservoir	364.24
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	79.28
Reception Reservoir	28.75

Total

1929	1930
Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.	462.27
Estimated population	173,260
Consumption per head per day	21.7

Constant supply in all districts during December, 1929 and 1930.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

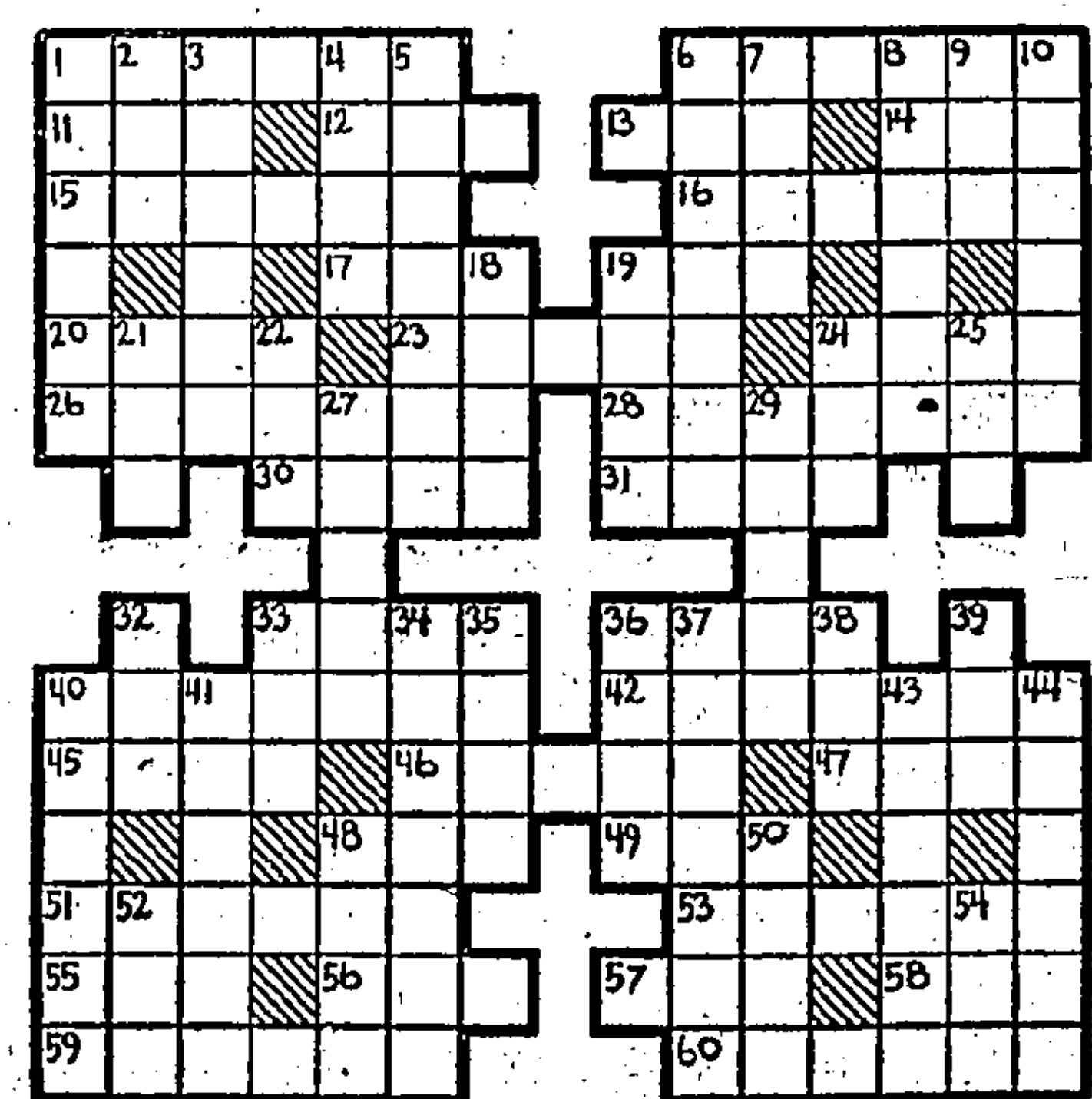
Total rainfall: December 31, 1929, 69.83; December 31, 1930, 96.09.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

LULL	PILOT
GENIE	FEETIE
RRS	SAGAS
OEI	TSARS
CARPET	YONDER
STAIN	NEARS
ILL	SV
PALLS	STIFF
LOSSES	PESTLE
UR	APRIL
MTS	SIDED
APRON	ROAST
ANNE	SMEW

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| HORIZONTAL: | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Cotton cloth | 46-Batken | 19-Excursion |
| 6-Verses | 47-Existed | 21-A diving bird |
| 11-Moved swiftly | 48-Skilled aviator | 22-Female saint (abbr.) |
| 12-Attentive | 49-Sey | 24-Border |
| 13-Specter | 51-Specter | 25-King (Latin) |
| 14-Metal in natural state | 52-Looking fixedly | 27-Parent language of the Indo-European family |
| 15-Prince | 53-Ship's record | 28-Devaration |
| 16-Director | 54-Over (post.) | 29-A beverage |
| 17-Floor-cleaning implement | 57-Turkey hat | 32-Mass of flexible material |
| 18-Summit | 58-French coin | 34-Diverted forth |
| 20-Sailors | 59-Emits watery vapor | 35-Genuine |
| 22-Nail | 60-Blot out | 36-Man's name |
| 23-In this place | | 37-Maddened |
| 24-Strengthen | | 38-At this time |
| 25-Exorted | | 39-Said bank |
| 26-Formerly (post.) | | 40-Creeps |
| 27-Twenty guinea | | 41-Interlock |
| 28-Exorcism | | 42-Review and amend |
| 29-Mexican laborer | | 43-Confederacy |
| 30-Worked up | | 44-Minute particle |
| 31-Worked up (Zool.) | | 45-Distill |
| 32-Toss | | 46-Decay |
| | | 47-Negative |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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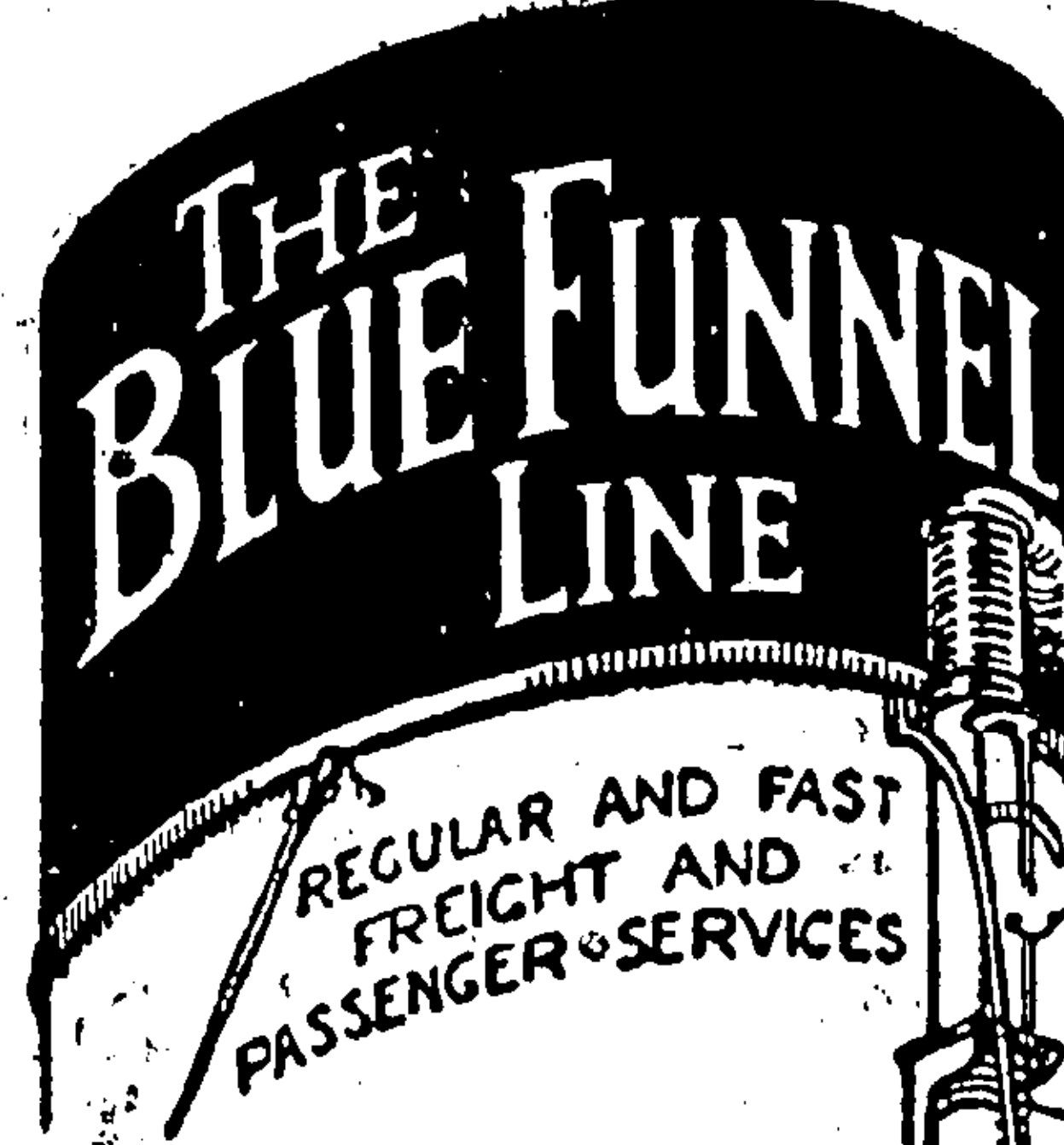
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WHAT INDIA THINKS OF BRITAIN.

(Continued from Page 1.)

London, Yesterday.
 A meeting of the full committee of the Round Table Conference, described by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald as a sort of second reading of the work of the Conference, was held to-day, when the Maharajah of Bhopal rejoiced that the federation proposals which the Simon Report and the Government of India's despatch regarded as being dim and distant, had been translated into a practical issue. He appealed to Indians to drown communal differences in the deep sea, and paid a tribute to Great Britain's fundamental desire to mete out equity and justice.

He declared that India was awaiting with bated breath to hear Mr. MacDonald speak the words which would link India and Britain eternally by ties of affection and goodwill. "I am sure you won't disappoint her."

Mr. Fazlulhuq read a statement on behalf of the Aga Khan, who is sick, in which he declared that no advance is practicable either in the Province or by a Central Government without adequate safeguards for Muslims. On the contrary, the non-Brahmin spokesmen, welcoming the report, pledged the support of their people to put it into operation, and expressed the confidence that the Hindu-Muslim differences would be settled when they returned to India.

Mr. Chintamani (Liberal) and Mr. Joshi (Labour) supported the report, though the former was not enthusiastic over the reservations in connection with finance, currency, and exchange.

Europeans' Rights.
 Sir Hubert Carr, on behalf of non-official Europeans, very cordially welcomed the report, subject to the admission that in future full safeguards would be provided for Europeans' civil and criminal rights, educational pri-

vilages, and industrial and commercial position.

Sir Tej Sapru declared that the basic principles of the report were very sound and the Maharajah of Bikaner very warmly supported the scheme of federation, and did not doubt that a great majority of the States would willingly join therein as co-equal partners subject to the satisfactory settlement of the remaining details and safeguards necessary for the existence and protection of rights and sovereignty and internal autonomy in the States.

Mr. Jayakar supported the general principles of the report, but expressed the opinion that the financial safeguards were excessive. He agreed to the reservation of defence and external affairs, but suggested that further inquiry be made to see if any parts thereof were transferable immediately.

Sir Tej Sapru agreed with this viewpoint, and Mr. Chintamani said that the term should be put to a period of transition.—Reuter.

Margin Of Difference.

Rugby, Yesterday.
 In view of the narrow margin of difference that remains on the minorities question, as the result of yesterday's developments, hopes are entertained in Indian Round Table Conference circles that the efforts to effect a settlement of this stubborn problem will not be abandoned, and that they may be brought to successful issue before the delegates disperse.

Broadly stated, the problem is to devise a scheme which will give the Moslems a sense of security without resorting to devices which it is recognised would stunt the development of Indian national feeling. A new offer made last night by Sir Muhammad Shaif, and upon the basis of which a virtual agreement was reached between the Hindus and Moslems, failed to secure the acceptance of the Sikhs. All parties, however, recognise the valuable opportunity for settling problems which the Conference offers, and the British Press confidently awaits further and more favourable developments.

Moslem Statement.

Pending consideration of their new offer made at yesterday's meeting of the minorities Sub-Committee, the Moslem delegates refrained from comment on the suggestion for submitting the communal question to arbitration, advanced yesterday by some leading Hindu delegates. As the Moslem offer was not accepted, however, they have authorised the following statement:—

"It has been suggested that certain persons should be asked to arbitrate on the Hindu-Moslem question. The Mohammedan delegation considers this course would be unconstitutional, as the appropriate and only body which can decide the question, saving agreement between the two parties, is the British Parliament."

Reports of its various sub-Committees were presented this morning to the India Round Table Conference, sitting in committee under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister.—British Wireless Service.

Rioting In Bombay.

Bombay, Yesterday.
 The police opened fire at Ahmedabad yesterday, after failing to disperse a crowd which was demonstrating in sympathy with the recently executed Sholapur rioters.

It is reported that a man and a woman were wounded, while 150 were injured by the policemen's staves and had to go to hospital.—Reuter.

A Strong Letter.

Calcutta, Yesterday.
 Mr. W. L. Travers, the President of the European Association, in a letter to the newspaper The Statesman endorses that journal's complaint that Mr. Gavin Jones, the British Indian delegate to the Round Table Conference in London, failed to represent British opinion in India in advocating responsible Government for the central administration.

Mr. Travers repudiates the views expressed by Mr. Jones, and says he is ready to resign if the European Association disapprove of his letter.—Reuter.

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